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NSL WASHOUT

● Action in the Melbourne Croatia goalmouth last Saturday. Goalkeeper Mate Grgic thinks he has the ball, but where is it?

PRESTON & JUVENTUS MUST MOVE AGAIN

AS a result of a remarkable decision by NSL Manager Peter Russell last weekend, Preston Makedonia and Brunswick Juventus will have to find fresh homes for a month.

After heavy rain last Saturday night, Olympic Park Assistant Director John Anderson tried to persuade Peter Russell to cancel Sunday's Preston v Melbourne JUST because the pitch was a quagmire.

But Russell over-ruled him, threatening Preston with a heavy fine if it didn't fulfil the fixture and when Sydney referee Richard Lorenc declared the pitch safe (the only criterion) the game went ahead in farcical conditions.

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THE unremitting bad weather in Sydney forced the cancellation of three more NSL fixtures at the weekend.

The games affected were St George v APIA, Sydney Croatia v Heidelberg and Blacktown City v Marconi.

That means that Blacktown has fallen five games behind, St George four and APIA Leichhardt three, whilst all but four of the remaining clubs have at least one game in hand.

The lucky four to have played their full complement are Melbourne Croatia, Adelaide City, South Melbourne and Sunshine George Cross.

The postponed games are not as likely to affect the top five standings as much at the bottom five.

South Melbourne, with two wins in the week, moved into the five and look likely to stay there along with Melbourne Croatia and Preston Makedonia.

But the postponement of Heidelberg's match was a psychological blow, as it plunged back to ladder bottom, as JUST wrested a point from Preston.

Sunshine George Cross won a well-earned point from Melbourne Croatia, but was disappointed to hear that Wollongong City had also gained a useful point in Adelaide.

The backlog of games is now so big, and has such an important bearing on the relegation outcome that the NSL must seriously consider extending the League for another one or two weeks at least.

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VSF IN TURMOIL

DO you remember the uproar that marked the end of last season? The indignation meeting at Nunawading that led to the most unseemly AGM in Victorian soccer history?

That was the AGM that came to an unsuccessful conclusion after midnight and had to be re-convened later for elections to be held.

I'll bet, if you are the average club supporter anyway, that you thought that was the end of the squabbling and now that we have elected a new Board of Management they'll bring stability and get on with the job and end all the bickering.

Sorry, but you'd be wrong.

Oh, it's true that the dissident clubs who caused the uproar are no longer stirring restlessly, but then they got their way by impeding the progressive moves sugested by the forward planning comittee (wrongly attributed solely to Jack Reilly) and the re-location scheme finished in tatters.

But peace hasn't come to Soccer House . . . far from it.

All the sound and fury at the now-infamous AGM was directed at one man, Reilly, and it succeeded in removing him from Australian soccer, and all those who took part in that should be ashamed of their part in the removal.

But hanging over that AGM like a sword of Damocles was another far More sinister matter that never came into the open . . . the question of maladministration by successive Boards of Management, dating back for years.

The matter of missing money and lost accounting books was successfully skirted around, which is a matter of constant amazement to me, given all the heat and indignation generated by the promotion and relegation issue.

Because if any money has gone missing it was club money, raised by all the hundreds of voluntary workers in the VSF's 150-odd clubs and for the life of me I cannot understand why the whole scandalous affair has been accepted by the clubs with such equanimity.

Where are all the agitators now?

Have they gone back into the woodwork?

Meanwhile the infighting and bickering at board level goes on.

Almost unbelievably, one faction in the board has seized enthusiastically yet again on the idea of reducing the State League to 10 clubs and is seeking some constitutional method of relegating six clubs . . . does that sound familiar?

The board is so divided by bickering that it can't get on with its job of running Victorian soccer properly.

One example of its diviseness was the recent squabble over the choice of coach to prepare the Victorian team to play visiting PAOK.

The proper person to pick, prepare and coach a Victorian XI should be the Victorian Director of Coaching, in this case, Tim White.

But the Tour's subcommittee, in its wisdom, decided to give the job to the embattled coach of relegation-bound Melbourne JUST, John Margarites.

White had to swallow his pride and accept the job of team manager. Yet two members of that committee were so unprofessional as to seek out White privately to reassure him that whilst it was a committee decision it wasn't theirs and they had voted for him!

Recently squabling reached such a pitch at a Board meeting that two prominent administrators walked out and went across the road to a well-known cafe where they no doubt managed to pass a few resolutions of their own unanimously.

One Johnny-come-lately to the board wants to replace the defunct Rothmans Gold Medal with another Gold Medal.

Asked who was going to pay for it if that Victorian Health Foundation money didn't turn up in time he responded with the suggestion that each State League club be sent 1000 raffle tickets to sell and raise the necessary.

I don't mention his name, because I don't want him to become a laughing stock in his own club.

While he is at it, why doesn't he organise a weekly chook raffle? There are board members who like to boast of their business expertise and their ability to attract sponsorship.

But 14 weeks down the track, they haven't been able to find a sponsor to replace Pacific Timber, which sponsored last year's State League competition.

Anyway, it's too late now, who wants to sponsor half a season?

The recent resignation of Victorian League chairman Peter Crawley is an example of the unrest running through all levels of VSF administration at present.

He resigned after learning that a letter signed by six of the 10-member Victorian League management committee expressing no-confidence in him was to be presented to the Federation.

If you are thinking that I am exaggerating the situation let me say that VSF Chairman Vito Cilauro is so concerned at the present state of affairs that he is considering calling an extraordinary general meeting of the clubs to call for fresh elections to be held.

He was quoted in the Press as recently as last Friday saying the Board is so riven by squabbling that the Federation has not been able to work properly for months.

What is needed is a dissolution . . . all the boards members should resign and fresh elections be held.

I think the Board is incompetent and its members should face the fact. And not just the Board itself, either.

I've been told about members of other committees who turn up and sign the attendance register and then are off home again five minutes later.

One well-known identity in the game, back after a longish spell of inactivity has told me of his disgust at the poor standard of debate at the first management committee meeting he attended this season.

"It was all over in 20 minutes or so," he said, "it wasn't worth travelling into St Kilda for."

Unlike local councils and other democratic bodies, the VSF administration doesn't want the Press to know too much of what is going on, so it is barred from meetings.

Indeed, until I attempted to stand for vice-president last year, journalists were barred from holding office in the VSF.

But whatever happens at board meetings always leaks out, because every board member has his favourite pressman.

That has been the case for many years and everybody knows where each journalist gets his information.

So I hope those new arrivals on the board this year are not labouring under the delusion that they can beaver away in secret, because they can't. If any of the VSF legislators have any quarrel with what I have written they are quite welcome to take over this column and tell me that I am wrong . . . I will gladly extend the freedom of the Press to them.

That offer is not confined to board members alone. If any club administrators want to air their views on the competence or otherwise of the Federation, let's hear from them. I'm all for open government, a little frankness might clear the air and be good for the game.

PRESENTERS . . . WHO NEEDS THEM?
My heartfelt thanks to SBS TV for having the enterprise to grab the World Cup games from under the nose of the other channels thus giving us so much top soccer to look forward to, free from the crass commercialism that almost marred that wonderful FA Cup-final.

Well, almost free from crassness, I should say.

Saturday night's World Cup game between England and Poland made great viewing, but who let those two clowns "Noddy" Alston and Ron Tilsed into the studio?

Everywhere I went on Sunday, people were saying Ron who? and I don't blame them.

I abandoned my usual practice and left the TV sound on during the half-time break and after the game and was I sorry!

I squirmed with embarrassment listening to Ron and Adrian, who quite obviously had slept through the game that we saw, and were wakened in time to make their gratuitious, ill-natured, ill-informed comments.

Who cares whether Ron Whosit had met Martin Tyler in Sydney last year?

Who cares whether Noddy Whatsit likes Gary Lineker or not?

Once again, we ask plaintively, why, oh why, can't we just cross straight over to the venue and let people on the spot like Trevor Brooking, Jimmy Greaves, Ian St John et al, who are in the game there and who know what they are talking about, inform us.

For all that Noddy and Toddy contributed, SBS might just as well have dragged in a couple of passing garbos.

I've heard more intelligent comments on soccer in club bars. Those two were so bad they made Les Murray and John Warren seem polished and articulate . . . knowledgeable even.

As for the phone-in to settle Bobby Robson's eligibility to be the England manager, what an irrelevance that was.

How can people half the world away be in a position to sit in judgment on Robson?

Apparently 2000 viewers phoned in to vote (I wasn't one of them)

It would have been more appropriate if the question had been "Do we need Tilsed and Alston on the panel?"

The response would probably have elicited 50,000 No Votes.

RED FACES AT THE PARK
I feel very sorry for Olympic park Management at the moment.

A week last Wednesday, just as the rain started, the turf management people took it into their heads to start work on the pitch and ripped it up before the management arrived for work.

After the resulting dispute, the contractors re-turfed the pitch at their own expense, but the damage was done and now Australasia's best soccer ground is back to where it was after that infamous rock concert over two years ago.

On Sunday morning, OPMC wanted to cancel the Preston Makedonia v Melbourne JUST game, in the hope of preserving the pitch, but was stood over by the NSL, as the Press release on page 3 explains.

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SNIPPETS

by LES SHORROCK

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THAT FIRST TOUCH IS SO IMPORTANT!

YOU'LL have to excuse me if I sound a bit light-headed this week, but the reason is that I became a dad for the first time last Wednesday and I'm still walking on air.

By PAUL WADE

Her name is Emma Kathleen, she's beautiful and she's already signed-up for South Melbourne.

Now where was I ... oh yes, I remember.

Last week I tried to explain to all you young players that practice makes perfect, and you can never practise too much.

Since I have become an involuntary spectator, I've seen a few players who must have put in heaps of practice as juniors, and what is even more gratifying, they are Aussie bred, which is going to pay dividends for our soccer in the future.

One area where our home-grown game has come on in leaps and bounds is in our passing ability going forward.

The Socceroos in particular (forget the last two matches) have improved more in this facet of the game than in any other, and the improvement has come about through playing good overseas teams.

We've been playing with some success against teams from other countries who only a couple of decades ago were used to coming here and wiping the floor with us.

In those days our teams went out to play defensively against clubs as lowly-placed as Bristol Rovers and used to feel smug about losing only two or 3-0.

That version of the cultural cringe has now disappeared, thank goodness, because our coaches have woken up to the fact that if you are to be successful you must have confidence on the ball allied to accurate passing.

Now the good coaches are emphasising to their players that the first touch is everything. I suppose the best exponent of the successful first touch is Oscar Crino, and he is closely followed by Alan Davidson and Mickey Petersen. Next time you have the chance to watch Crino live (you won't notice it as well on the TV), forget the match and keep your eyes on him for at least 10 minutes.

Watch him off the ball, watch how he takes up position to receive the ball and how relaxed he looks when he actually gets possession.

He appears relaxed because he is confident of his first touch bringing the ball under control so that he can do whatever he wants with his second touch.

Oscar also is always aware of his options, so that he knows whether or not he has time for a third or fourth touch, before he makes that telling pass.

His other great skill is seen in his ability to pass the ball with just the right weight, neither too short nor too long, and always meant to arrive where the forward can take the ball in his stride.

The secret of good attacking soccer is flowing passes arriving in the path of the striker.

Good quality strikers are few and far between but here in Melbourne we are lucky that we have about three of the country's best, in Zeljko Adzic of Croatia, Paul Trimboli of South and Warren Spink of Preston.

These three in my opinion are outstanding in that they can turn a game around in a matter of minutes.

The next time you have an opportunity to see any of these players in action, watch them make runs to get into position, watch how they can quickly bring the ball under control, and if they aren't in a position to shoot, watch what they do after they have released the ball.

Warren Spink, in particular can look quite disinterested when the ball is nowhere near him, but he reads the game so well, that at the right moment he can produce a burst of speed that leaves his mark and gets him into a goalscoring position.

● Oscar Crino ... always appears relaxed.

Zeljko Adzic approaches the job differently, almost arrogantly. When he is in possession he invites the tackle, confident in his ability to beat the tackler, and flick the ball on as he strides into a dangerous position.

Paul Trimboli's greatest strength is in his ability to shield the ball from defenders so well that they can't work out how or where he is going to pass it.

His first-time passing is about the best in the country and he seems to have the ability to beat defenders at will so much for attackers.

When it comes to defenders, youngsters can't do better than to copy Steve Blair, in my opinion Australia's best central defender ever.

He is almost impassable in the air, because he always makes the ball his number one objective and goes for it with 200% concentration. He must be the most consistent player in the NSL, the perfect pro and a role model for all young players to look up to.

When it comes to goalkeeping, two players I have had the pleasure of playing and training with are in my opinion the best in Australia, namely Jeff Oliver and Bruce McLaren.

They are both dedicated trainers and concentrate fiercely. One of the hardest aspects of goalkeeping is maintaining concentration when you aren't actually involved.

The ball might not come your way for half an hour, then you are suddenly called on to make a crucial save.

Young goalkeepers should work on improving their concentration just as much as they work on other aspects of their game.

It is essential for a goalkeeper to be able to shout out everything, but the game, because opposing spectators will try to distract him at crucial moments.

This week I want to leave you with the names of two up and coming players to watch and study, because they are going to be Australian stars of the future.

They are both with Preston Makedonia, defender Robert Runge and midfielder George Skiftsis, and I'm convinced they both have a big future.

See you next week, Paul.

'Serious damage to Park'

THE Pitch at the Olympic Park No. 1 Ground last weekend was unsatisfactory and, out of choice, Olympic Park Management would have cancelled some of the games.

The unsatisfactory nature of the pitch was caused by a variety of factors, including poor weather, over usage and regular maintenance work (overseeding/fertilising, etc.)

Olympic Park Management had lengthy discussions on Thursday and Friday, and called upon the expertise of the Australian Turf Institute and the contractors who laid the pitch and drainage last summer.

It was the consensus that the need to fulfill the NSL and State League games as well as the international PAOK game were greater than concern about the pitch, which could recover in the following two weeks.

As a result of these discussions, and the favorable weather forecast for the weekend, we permitted the games to go ahead (PAOK v Greek XI, Brunswick Juventus v Northcote, Preston Makedonia v Melbourne City JUST). A substantial amount of new turf was laid on Friday to improve the surface.

Although the ground was heavy and the conditions less than favorable, the first two games on Friday and Saturday went ahead without incident.

Unfortunately on Saturday night and Sunday morning, there was consistent and sometimes heavy rainfall which left an already damaged pitch completely waterlogged by mid Sunday morning.

A hasty conference was called on site at 10.30 am between senior management of Olympic park, the Turf Institute and our own curator. It was the unanimous view that the afternoon game could not proceed, without long term damage to the pitch taking place.

It was decided to convey this decision to Preston Makedonia and the NSL. After repeated attempts to contact any official from Preston Makedonia had all failed, we called Mr Peter Russell, the general manager of NSL.

Mr Russell spoke forcefully and quoted Preston's liability to the NSL under their NSL contract. He reminded Olympic Park Management that only the referee could cancel a game if he declared the pitch unplayable, and that Preston would be liable to heavy fines if the game was cancelled by persons other than the referee. The fact that we, Olympic Park Management are not contracted to the NSL, or that the pitch would be covered a battering and suffer Long-term damage were not considered to be of significance.

Under intense pressure from the League, and without being able to contact any Preston official, we were not prepared to put the club to that level of financial risk, and had no choice but to leave the matter in the hands of the referee. He, subsequently, did not consider the pitch to be unplayable and declined to cancel the match.

The result now is that extensive and expensive repairs will have to commence immediately to bring the surface back to playing condition, so that Olympic Park can fulfill its fixtures for the rest of the season.

We deeply regret that the pitch, on which $150,000 was spent on levelling, redraining and new turf last summer is now in a very poor state. Cancellation of future games cannot be ruled out, if we are to make good the damage.

We now have the unenviable task of deciding whether to possibly disrupt a few games in the near future for repair work, or alternatively for the best we can whilst fulfilling all of our existing fixtures on an increasingly deteriorating pitch.

We have decided that our obligation to the whole sporting community is greater than any obligation to any one club or any one game. Therefore we will be taking the necessary steps to bring the pitch back to its prime condition.

Gareth James Director OPMC

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NSL DETAILS

ROUND TWENTY DETAILS

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 1 (Morley 83rd)
MELBOURNE CROATIA (Opasinis 35th)
At Somers St. Saturday. Referee C. Bambridge. Cautions Carter, Lewis, Campelj (GX), Adzic, Milosevic, Donnelly (MC).

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh — Ketsakides, Waddell, Parton, Marth — Carter, McLaren (Hasler 78th), Faulkner, Campelj (Morley 78th) — Latif, Lewis. Coach John Gardiner.
MELBOURNE CROATIA: Grgic — Opasinis, Valentic, Hannah, Donnelly — Talajic, Milosevic, Biskic, Adzic — Awaritefe, Kelic. Coach Ivan Reznjevic.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 MELBOURNE JUST 0
At Olympic Park, Sunday. Referee R. Lorenc.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes — Roodhouse, Jackson, Runje, Jolevski — Petrov (Piculovski 75th), Zinni, Markovac — Markovski, Smith, Spink (Taseski 80th). Coach Andon Doncevski.
MELBOURNE JUST: Nikitovic — Deankovic, Durakovic, van Egmond, Karic — Crino, Murphy, Palatside, Becinovski — Lazopoulos (Mitrovski 77th), Retre. Coach John Margarites.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Taliadoros 45th, Trimboli 70th)
SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0.
At Middle Park, Sunday. Referee D. Campbell.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren — Healey, Fernandes, Blair, Micheil — Patersen, Tasios, Tsolakis, Wright — Taliadoros, Trimboli. Coach Brian Garvey.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier — Barrett, Haniotis, Georgiakis, Hooker — Phillips, Lee, Saad, Polak — Ironside, Edwards. Coach Eddie Thomson.

ADELAIDE CITY 1 (Mullen 5th) WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (Easthorpe 81st)
At Olympic Sportsfield, Sunday. Referee D. Voutsinas.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabica — Shillabeer, Ivanovic, Flounders, Tobin — Melta, Santrac, Villani, A. Vidmar — Maxwell, Mullen. Coach Zoran Matic.
WOLLONGONG CITY: Bouhoutsos — Skeen, Higgs (Stefanovski 46th), Vlietstra, Hollifield — Morlando, Pontidas, Fernandez, Crainie — Easthorpe, Brodnik (Calbanese 74th). Coach Doug Collins.

SYDNEY CROATIA v HEIDELBERG
ST GEORGE v APIA LEICHHARDT
MARCONI v BLACKTOWN CITY
Postponed, grounds unfit.

DEFERRED GAME

APIA LEICHHARDT 2 (Radoslavjevic 29th, Murray 89th)
SOUTH MELBOURNE 3 (Taliadoros 45 secs., Trimboli 70th, Tasios 86th)
At Sydney Football Stadium, Wednesday May 31, postponed from Round 12. Referee R. Lorenc. Cautions Postecoglou (SM), Pisani, Halliday, O'Connor, Ellem (Ap).

APIA LEICHHARDT: Pezzano — Piseni, Halliday, Radoslavjevic, M. Brown — O'Connor, Hagan, Ellem, Ricoy — R. Brown, Kosmina (Murray 75th). Coach Michael Urukalo.
SOUTH MELBOURNE: McLaren — Healy, Fernandes, Blair, Postecoglou — Petersen, Tasios, Tsolakis — Taliadoros, Trimboli, Wright. Coach Brian Garvey.

JEFF DAVIS, having just arrived from the UK is seeking a COACHING POSITION, any offer considered.
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GOALSCORERS

15. Nastevski (Marc, 3p)

10. De Jong (Marc)
Trimboli (South)

9. Adzic (MCr, 3p)
Kelic (MCr)

7. Brown.R (Ap, 1p)
Gray (Marc)
Ollerenshaw (St.G, 4p)

6. Awaritefe (MCr)
Brown.R (Ap, 1p)
Latif (GX)
Lewis (GX)
Markovski (PM, 1p)
Postecoglou (South, 5p)
Spink (PM)

5. Easthorpe (Woll)
Ironside (SO)
Lowe (Marc)
Maxwell (AC)
Mullen (AC
Stubbins (Heid)
Tasios (South)

4. Arnold (S.Cr)
Bingley (St.G)
Brodnik (Woll)
Hagan (Ap)
Kosmina (Ap)
McCulloch (Mar)
Melta (Ad.C, 2p)
Retre (MJ)

3. Arambasic (Bl)
Caleta (MCr)
Crino (MJ)
Dimoski (MC)
Gibson (Black)
Lee (SO)
Milosevic (MC)
Mori (SM)
Ricoy (Ap)
Slater (SC)
Smith (PM)
Soper (SO)
Van Blerk (Bl)
Villani (AC)

2. Biskic (MC)
Cokely (Woll)
Colagiuri (Mar)
Crainie (Woll)
Edwards (SO)
Hasler (GX)
Hunter (SC)
Ilic (St.G)
Koczka (St.G)
Lamond (S.Cro)
McGarry (SO)
McKinna (Bl)
Murray (Ap)
Ousalkas (Heid)
Palatsides (MJ)
Radoslavjevic (Ap)
Saad (S.O)
Skeen (Woll)
Slater (S.Cr)
Sterrey.G (Bl)
Talajic (MJ)
Taliadoros (South)
Tsolakis (SM)
van Blerk (Bl)
Vidmar.A (Ad.C)
Zinni (PM)

1. Bennett (SO)
Bernal (SO)
Calderan (Mar)
Carter (Mar)
Dakos (SO)
Danzo (Woll)
Deankovic (MJ)
Denyer (Bl)
Ellem (Ap)
Faulkner (GX)
Flounders (AC)
Foster (SM)
Gomez (Marc)
Goutzioulis (Heid)
Ingham (SC)
Jackson (PM)
Jee (Bl)
Lazopoulos (MJ)
Lee (SO)
Markovac (PM)
Micheil (SM)
Morlando (Woll)
Morley (GX)
Murphy (MJ)
Naumov (Bl)
Odzakov (Bl)

Opasinis (MC)
Petersen (SM)
Petkovic (Ap)
Phillips (Ap, 1p)
Raynes (Heid)
Roodhouse (PM)
Savor (SC)
Seal (S.Cr)
Selemides (MCr)
Stevenson (Heid)
Stewart (Heid)
Tapai (MJ)
Theodosopoulos (H)
Tredinnick (Heid)
Vial (AC)
Wade (SM)
Wright (SM)

LADDER

MARCONI	19	13	3	3	46	18	29
MELB. CR.	20	10	5	5	35	23	25
PRESTON M	19	8	6	5	22	17	22
STH. MELB	20	9	3	8	36	28	21
ADELAIDE C	20	7	7	6	21	18	21
Syd. Olymic	19	7	6	6	23	19	20
Syd. Croatia	18	7	6	5	15	14	20
St George	16	7	5	4	16	13	19
APIA Leich.	18	6	6	6	23	25	18
Wollongong C	19	5	4	10	17	26	14
George C	20	5	4	11	17	27	14
Blacktown C	15	4	5	6	18	31	13
Melb. JUST	19	4	4	11	18	29	12
Heidelberg Un	18	5	2	11	15	34	12

NYC LADDER

George Cross	15	13	2	0	60	16	28
Altona	16	11	2	3	50	18	24
Preston	15	10	1	4	60	24	21
Sth. Melb	13	7	2	4	49	19	16
Heidelberg	15	7	2	6	31	29	16
Melb. Cr.	13	6	1	6	24	27	13
C'field	16	5	2	9	28	41	12
Clifton H	14	5	2	7	16	41	12
Melb. JUST	13	4	2	7	20	20	10
Malvern	15	2	2	11	17	72	6
Clayton	17	1	2	14	18	66	4

YOUTH LEAGUE RESULTS

ALTONA GATE 7 CLAYTON 1
SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 MALVERN 2

NSL REPORTS

JUST CLIMBS OUT OF MUD

LAST-placed Melbourne JUST overcame quagmire conditions to gain a scoreless draw against Preston.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● TOM KARIC

Coach John Margaritis was given exceptional service by Mehmet Durakovic who had been switched to sweeper after playing most of the year in midfield.

Defender Tom Karic and goalkeeper Zoran Nikitovic also were among the best players.

JUST showed greater determination than Preston but most of its forward moves got stuck in the mud.

Carlos Retre had the best scoring chance of the game in the 21st minute but mis-kicked after receiving the ball from Joe Palatsides who had run into the penalty area.

At the other end Nikitovic stopped a close range shot from Robert Markovac with his foot.

Ken Murphy, who played doggedly in midfield for Melbourne JUST, delivered a corner which found forward Bill Lazopoulos unmarked in front of goal four minutes before half time but Lazopoulos' header lacked the power to beat Philip Traianides.

JUST captain Oscar Crino, wearing a thigh bandage, was hampered throughout the second-half but still contributed significantly.

Nikitovic made his second brilliant save by deflecting a shot from Preston fullback Robert Runje for a corner in the 65th minute.

Traianides also made an excellent save, stopping a close-range shot from Crino three minutes later.

Socceroo striker Warren Spink, who was having a spirited tussle with Gary van Egmond, threatened in the 70th minute on a long defensive clearance from John Markovski.

When Durakovic cut off Spink's path to goal the forward laid the ball off to Andrew Zinni whose powerful drive whistled across goal.

Similarly, Preston leftback George Jolevski missed narrowly from the edge of the penalty area.

Vasko Mitrovski displayed ability to hold the ball after coming on as a substitute for Lazopoulos in the 76th minute.

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South climbs in five

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● PAUL TRIMBOLI

South Melbourne climbed into the top five with a well-deserved 2-0 win over Sydney Olympic at Middle Park.

The victory helped ease South Melbourne's atrocious home record of only two wins.

South Melbourne was the better side throughout the first half but was denied goals by good keeping from Gary Meier and inaccurate finishing.

One of Meier's best saves was from a swerving 25 metre shot by Peter Tselakis in the 29th minute while David Healy ran onto a return pass from Danny Wright only to hit his shot into the side netting.

South Melbourne took the lead in the last minute of the first half when Kim Taliadoros headed in from a well taken free kick by Mike Petersen.

The header beat Meier and finished in the back of the net despite a desperate dive on the line by Olympic defender Gary Phillips.

Steve Tasios could have added to the lead three minutes after the break when he broke onto a through pass, but Meier left his line and dived bravely at the midfielder's feet to stop a certain goal.

Sydney Olympic took over for a 20 minute period and forced the pass to bring out the best from Bruce MacLaren, in South's goal.

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MacLaren made a good save off Alistair Edwards in the 54th minute and then cut out a dangerous Jason Polak cross from the left.

South Melbourne got its second goal in the 70th minute when Paul Trimboli ran onto a through pass from Tasios and evaded a challenge before side footing the ball past Meier to score his 40th goal of the season.

Olympic made two changes, bringing on Mike McGarry and Andrew Bernal as strikers in the 72nd minute and the substitutions almost brought immediate results when they put Abbas Saad clear but his shot was denied by MacLaren.

Olympic came close again from a McGarry cross which was narrowly headed over by Bernal.

But it was South Melbourne which finished on the attack and Tasios came close to getting his name on the score sheet a minute from the end when his shot again brought another good save by the Olympic keeper.

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New coach off to good start

A controversial goal by Randell Easthorpe nine minutes from full-time gave new Wollongong coach Doug Collins 1-1 draw against Adelaide City at Olympic Sports Field.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● JOE MULLEN

Easthorpe headed home a Danny Crainie corner via the bottom of the cross bar, to give lowly Wollongong a point it thoroughly deserved.

City goalkeeper Robert Zabica was so adament the header had not crossed the line, he threw the ball in disgust at referee Dennis Voutsines, but Easthorpe later confirmed the goal was good.

A delighted Collins, who took over at Wollongong this week after John Fleming was sacked, said: "This was a good reslt for us here.

"We were disorganised for the first 20 minutes, but then we settled and deserved a draw at least."

Adelaide, unbeaten in its previous six league clashes, dazzled Wollongong early in the match on a dismally cold and wet day.

Joe Mullen gave Adelaide a perfect start with a fine headed goal from a Sergio Melta cross after just five minutes, and City fans settled back for a goals feast.

But Wollongong, with some desperate defence and frustrating off-side tactics, kept a Melta-inspired City at bay.

The visitors only once had a scoring chance in the first half with Argentinian Hernan Fernandes shooting lamely over three minutes before the interval.

But City was stunned in the second half by the verve and endeavor of Wollongong, which dominated largely through the composure of its defence and the industry of little Tom Pontidis in midfield.

The home side never showed the fluency of the opening period and it could not seem to make up its mind whether to attack or take a cautious approach to guard its lead.

City coach Zoran Matic had a brief behind-closed-doors talk with his side after the whistle and emerged saying: "We never ran loose as we were always conscious we ran the risk of losing a goal after we did not built on our early score.

"The fight for the final five now is in our hands."

The luck of Irish helps Cross get point

IRISHMAN Pat Morley was the toast of the George Cross supporters after scoring a late equalising goal against Melbourne Croatia in his league debut at the Croatian Sport Centre.

MAN OF THE MATCH:
● JOSIP BISKIC

The 1-1 draw gives George Cross a point in its struggle to avoid relegation.

Morley, who has been scoring regularly in the reserves, came on as one of two substitutes 10 minutes from the end after Croatia had been leading for 49 minutes.

With seven minutes to go, he hit a powerful shot from 25 metres which whistled into the top corner of the net.

George Cross came into the match in the second half and applied enormous pressure through the determined play of midfielder Les Carter and defenders John Waddell, Shaunparton and Andrew Marth.

In contrast, Croatia's midfield dropped back and failed to gain an advantage except with an occassional breakaway.

Croatia goalkeeper Mate Grgic, playing only his third NSL match since joining from State League club St Albans, saved his team in the 73rd minute when he blocked successive shots by John MacLaren and Ossie Latif.

He also reacted brilliantly to turn a shot from Paul Lewis over the cross bar in the 54th minute.

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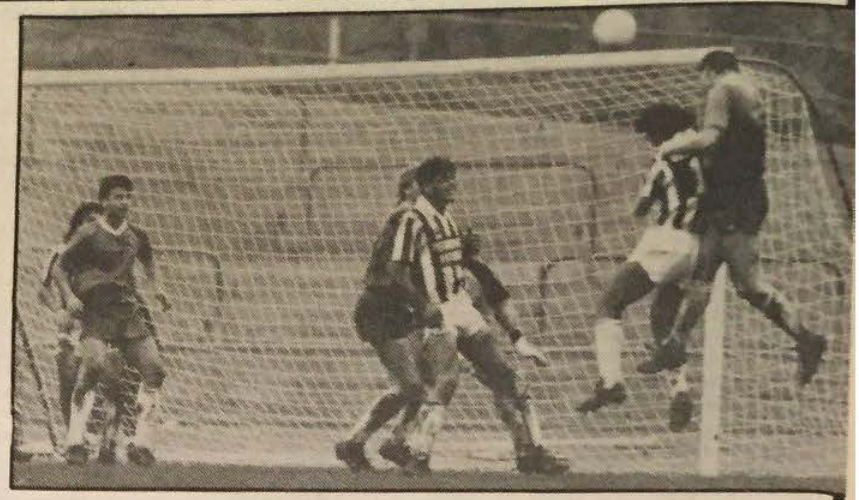

LEO — The

● TOP LEFT: Springvale's Hugh Findlay heads for goal. ● TOP RIGHT: Paul Harris heads Northcote's equaliser. ● MIDDLE: Juve's Sean Lane hurdles Arthur Patiniotis.

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SPRINGVALE CITY 1989

● BACK ROW, left to right: Keith Adams, Robert Brian, Dave Fourna, Dave Bryden, Mick Kral, Paul Rolleman, Kevin Reilly, Mark Bissinger, Steve Keenan. FRONT ROW: Mick Livingstone, Stan Webster, Hugh Findlay, Brian Keenan, Peter Verechia, Frank Juric.

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OVERNIGHT rains and persistent drizzle provided several upsets. There was somewhat more than a drizzle at Reservoir, where Thomastown poured a real bucketful on Windsor, much to the chagrin of the pundits, who had already credited two points and a healthy increase in goal difference to Windsor, in what seemed its inevitable march to the Division 1A Championship.

Thomastown had other ideas, and comprehensively thrashed its visitors 7-3 in the upset of the round.

A couple of kilometres to the south-west, Wooden Spoon favorites, Rowville United, followed the Thomastown lead in demolishing Youth United 7-4, to give the visitor its first win of the season.

Meanwhile, back in the southern suburbs, Laminex was not only dead, but buried, having conceded a 3-0 lead to visitor, Bowater, with less than 20 minutes to go. By the 84th minute, however, Laminex had recovered to lead 4-3, and it was Bowater's turn to teeter on the edge of an open grave. But, as we shall see later, this game still had some life left in it.

Windsor's loss has opened up theDivision One Afternoon championship race. Hampton Park seized the opportunity to close the gap on the leaders and is now nicely poised one menacing point off the lead. Two points further back are Coomoora Spiders, whose 5-3 win over Melbourne Rumania was full of merit, and Glenroy Doxa, which dropped a point they could ill afford away to Flamingo.

Thomastown's win leaves it out on its own in fifth, five points off the pace. Melbourne Rumania, which needed a couple of other clubs to beat Windsor before its return clash with it, has now virtually blown its championship chances.

The Rumanians, Flamingo and Youth United are all in limbo, their only real contribution to the championship race will be as stumbling blocks to better-placed teams.

Possibly the best match of this round was played at the Coomoora Reserve. Both teams played the game in excellent spirit, with the Rumanians' sloppy defensive display in the first half probably setting the seal on the final outcome.

The Spiders were given a fourth-minute break when their winger was cutting in toward the penalty area. The Melbourne Rumania goalkeeper came racing out to challenge, but was beaten to the interception by his full back, who robbed the attacker nicely and quietly turned the ball back to where he thought his keeper would be.

Unfortunately, by now, the keeper was up-field of him, and both could only stand and watch as the ball rolled sedately into the net.

The Spiders really did not need this encouragement as they were exploiting their superiority in speed to cut the Rumanian defence to pieces. Star of the Spiders combination which dominated the first half was South African import, Hans Claassay, whose solo goals at the 16th and 20th minutes were minor classics. He was also heavily involved in Jean Roussetty's 31st minute goal. The Rumanians were 4-0 down. There was no co-operation in their forward line, and but for the brilliance of George Gottlieb, the Spiders' goalkeeper coul dhave gone in for a mid-match snack. At the 40th minute, Gottlieb, finally despairing of any support, took on three defenders, beat each in turn, and rammed the ball into the net. So it was 4-1 at half-time.

After a break, during which some harsh words must have been spoken by the Rumanians' coach, Melbourne Rumania came out far better organised defensively and in the mid-field. At the 53rd minute, Gottlieb did exactly as he had before, and 15 minutes later, Iva Stoicevici followed his example.

The score was now 4-3. The Spiders knew they had a revitalised opponent to deal with. They were forced to defend desperately, but it was they who made the next break. At the 88th minute, a long ball out of defence, followed by a precisely weighted pass, left Gerard De Baiz in the clear with only the goalkeeper to beat. He was equal to the task, and put the issue beyond doubt. The final 5-3 result was a fitting reward for Coomoora Spiders, who on the whole had made better use of their opportunities, and had shown greater solidity in defence.

Over at the JC Donath Reserve, Thomastown United faced the unbeaten Windsor, but were so underawed by it all that when the half-time break came they were leading 6-1, with goals to Muzarffer Yildiz (2), Binyamin Pub (1), Mustaffa Abak, from the Spot (1), Joe Vitale (1) and an own goal.

For Windsor, the ice was broken by Jimmy Owens after a 31st minute penalty. The second half was much more even, with Polyhronakis and Lakountas scoring for Windsor, and Tony Pug for the Thommos.

We cannot leave this division without saying a few words about Rowville United's maiden victory. Youth United is always a difficult prospect at home, so that the Rowville contingent would not have made the long journey with any confidence.

The half-time 2-2 scoreline would probably be as much as Rowville would have hoped for, but it really clicked into top gear in the second half, spearheaded by a Zoran Bradonjic hat-trick, to add five goals to Youth United's two. The final 7-4 scoreline was an accurate reflection of Rowville's superiority over the full 90 minutes.

Not much changed in Division One Morning. The front-runners, Footscray United and Highpoint, both won again to remain at the top of the table, but Altona Ilinden slipped back to third when it lost a very even contest with Highpoint 1-0. Footscray United's 7-1 win over Apollo United, on the other hand, improved its goal difference no end. Fibremakers United continued its run of good form andmoved into fourth after downing Australian Airlines 4-2, ANZ Bank also continued to improve its position with a 2-1 win over Northcote United. Middle Park's resurgence, however, proved to be shortlived, as it was comprehensively beaten 4-1 away to Montrose. With only three points separating the top five teams, this Division is still wide open.

Fibremakers United faced a difficult task in its away encounter with Australian Airlines, but despite missing a tenth minute penalty came out the winner 4 goals to 2. Nigel Kerr scored at the 25th and 50th minutes when he swooped on balls fumbled by the Airlines' keeper, and Pat Williams, who had earlier missed the penalty, redeemed himself when he took advantage of a defender's error to pick up the loose ball and hammer it home.

Fibremakers' fourth goal was scored by David Lee, whose retirement from soccer lasted about four weeks, and was probably the best of the visitor's goals. Nigel Kerr provided the cross for Lee, who was perfectly positioned to push it past a lunging keeper.

For the Airlines, Charley Mifsud was the lone scorer. At the 81st minute, he took his shot from around 25 metres out and positively hammered it past Fibremakers' standin keeper, Bryan Morrison, in what was undoubtedly the goal of the match, if not of the day. Four minutes later he repeated the dose from the Spot.

Not a great deal has changed, either, in Division Two Mixed, with Tottenham and Harambee still the Big Two, but Cretan Athletic had a quite marvellous 5-1 win over Harambee to move into equal second on points. The previously unbeaten Harambee had seemed to be the logical challenger to front-runners, Tottenham (7-0 winners over Leros United today), but seemed to have hit a flat spot, as they were also comprehensively beaten in last week's Cup Round.

Cretan Athletic had an absolutely horrendous introduction to league competition in the opening match of the season, but has now put together an unbroken run of six winning games, and may yet give the championship a very decided shake.

Oakleigh City moved into fourth in a surprisingly one-sided 6-0 win over Northern Cross St Helena. The top three, however, have such a break on the rest of the field that already it seems they are the only ones with any pretensions to championship honors.

Nothing remarkable happened in Division Two Afternoon. Flemington Floridia won its seventh game on the trot, and is still sitting out in front three points clear of Bayside ATA and Northern Timorese.

The margin could have been closer but for rapidly-improving Berwick United clinging on tenaciously for a 1-1 draw with the Bayseiders.

Now back to Division Three East. Dallas won again, albeit only after three being given a terrible fright by Taxation United, and heads the table by three points from Laminex and Keeley Kings, with Bowater and Essendon

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RESULTS

Division One Morning

Fibremakers U 4 Aus. Air. (1-0)
Footscray Us 7 Apollo Us 1 (4-2)
Highpoint 1 Altona Ilin. 0 (0-0)
Montrose 4 Middle P 1 (4-1)
Northcote Utd 1 ANZ Bank 2 (1-3)

Footscray U	6	5	1	0	20	6	11
Highpoint	6	5	0	1	10	3	10
Altona U	7	4	1	2	10	5	9
Fibrem. U	7	4	1	2	11	10	9
ANZ Bank	7	3	2	2	7	7	8
Aust. Air	7	3	1	3	14	14	7
Montrose	7	3	0	4	12	11	6
Apollo Us	7	2	0	5	16	24	4
Middle P	7	0	2	5	7	21	2
Northcote U	7	1	0	6	9	24	2

Reserves

Highpoint	7	4	3	0	21	4	11
Aust. Air	7	3	4	0	21	9	10
Footscray Us	7	4	2	1	21	13	10
ANZ Bank	7	3	3	1	16	9	9
Montrose	7	3	3	1	13	9	9
Apollo Us	7	3	2	2	15	13	8
Middle P	7	2	1	4	14	14	5
Altona U	7	1	3	3	10	21	5
Northc U	7	0	2	5	5	23	2
Fibrem U	7	0	1	6	6	27	1

Division One Afternoon

Coomoora Sp 5 Melb Rum 3 (3-5)
Flamingo 3 Glenr U/D 3 (1-2)
S'vale Eagles 0 Hampt. P/U 6 (2-0)
Thomastown U 7 Windsor 3 (1-2)
Youth Us 4 Rowville U 7 (4-2)

Windsor	7	6	0	1	26	12	12
Hampton P/U	7	5	1	1	21	10	11
Coomoora Sp	7	4	1	2	22	15	9
Glenroy U/U	7	4	1	2	15	16	9
Thomastown U	7	3	1	3	21	20	7
Melb. Rumania	7	3	0	4	15	16	6
Flamingo	7	1	4	2	13	18	6
Youth Us	7	1	2	4	21	23	4
Rowe United	7	1	1	5	10	23	3
S'vale Eagles	7	1	1	5	10	29	3

Reserves

Flamingo	7	5	1	1	23	11	11
Windsor	7	5	1	1	17	8	11
S'vale Eagles	7	4	2	1	21	10	10
Melb. Rumania	7	4	0	3	17	18	8
Glenroy U/U	7	3	1	3	10	9	7
Doncllis Us	7	3	0	4	19	16	6
Coomoora Sp	7	3	0	4	22	24	6
Hampton Park U	7	2	0	5	10	14	4
Thomastown U	7	2	0	5	11	30	4
Youth Us	7	1	1	5	17	27	3

Division Two Mixed

Cretan Athl 5 Harambee 1 (5-0)
Melb. Pumas 1 SB Spurs 1 (1-1)
Oakleigh C 6 Nth. X/St.H 0 (4-2)
Swinburne 2 Middle East 3 (3-3)
Tottenham 7 Leros Us 0 (4-1)

Tottenham	7	7	0	0	41	6	14
Harambee	7	6	0	1	40	17	12
Cretan Athl	7	6	0	1	26	12	12
Oakl. City	7	5	1	1	25	14	7
Middle East	7	3	0	4	15	19	6
SB Spurs	7	2	2	3	17	29	6
Swinburne	7	2	0	5	16	24	4
Nth X/St.H	7	2	0	5	16	27	4
Melb.Pumas	7	1	1	5	9	27	3
Leros United	7	1	0	6	12	37	2

Reserves

Tottenham	7	7	0	0	31	5	14
Cretan Athl	7	6	0	1	21	8	12
Oakleigh C	7	5	0	2	26	15	10
Harambee	7	4	2	1	12	12	10
Leros Us	7	3	3	1	14	7	9
Melb. Pumas	7	2	1	4	12	12	5
Swinburne	7	2	1	4	16	22	5
Middle East	7	1	1	5	12	18	3
Nth. X/St.H	7	1	1	5	10	28	3
SB Spurs	7	0	1	6	9	29	1

Division Two Afternoon

Nth. Timorese 6 CSUV 0 (4-1)
KBRO Blue Danube 0 Nth. Dog. Sp. 1 (0-0)
Bayside ATA 1 Berw. Us 1 (2-2)
Dandenong Us 5 Oakl City Boys 3 (3-3)
Ff'tes Floridia 1 Elw. Us 0 (0-0)

Ff'tes Floridia	7	7	0	0	79	3	14
Bayside ATA	7	4	3	0	26	9	11
Nth. Timorese	7	5	0	2	21	15	10
Elwood Us	7	4	1	2	15	10	9
Nth.Dog. Sp	7	3	2	2	13	15	8
Berwick Us	7	3	1	3	12	8	7
KBRO Blue Dan	7	3	1	3	10	8	7
Band. Us	7	2	0	5	12	31	4
Oak. City Boys	7	0	0	7	8	25	0
CSUV	7	0	0	7	5	27	0

Reserves

Elwood Us	7	7	0	0	77	9	14
KBRO Blue D	7	7	0	0	42	6	14
Bayside ATA	7	5	1	1	22	11	11
Berwick Us	7	4	2	1	20	11	10
Oak. City B	7	2	2	3	20	28	6
Nths. Timorese	7	3	0	4	13	26	6
Dandenong U	7	2	1	4	15	38	5
Ff'tes Floridia	7	1	0	6	9	35	2
CSUV	7	0	1	6	7	30	1
Nth. Dog. Sp	7	0	1	6	11	41	1

Division Three East

Dallas Us 2 Taxation Us 1
Essendon Tramway 4 Garden City 4
Laminex 4 Bowater 4
Preston Tramways 6 Kew Deal 2
Westall PiPA 2 Keeley Kings 6

Dallas Us	7	6	0	1	27	10	12
Laminex	7	3	3	1	30	14	9
Keeley Kings	7	4	1	2	23	21	9
Bowater	7	3	2	2	18	12	8
Essendon Tramw	7	3	2	2	23	18	8
Taxation Us	7	2	3	2	16	16	7
Preston Tramw	7	3	1	3	18	19	7
Garden City	7	2	2	3	14	20	6
Westall PiPA	7	2	0	5	16	33	4
Kew Deal	7	0	0	7	12	42	0

Division Three West

Alt. Nth. Tarrien 3 St. Alb. Wanderers 0
Keilor Old Boys 1 K. Park Knights 2
Rippendenm 1 Ardeer 5
Sunbury 1 Altona Heights 2
Whittlesea 2 St Albans Dynamo 10

St Albans Dyn	7	5	2	0	23	7	12
Alt. Nth. Tarr.	7	6	0	1	18	3	12
Ardeer	7	5	1	1	16	8	11
St.Alb.Wander	7	4	0	3	20	11	8
Keilor Old B	7	3	2	2	17	18	8
Altona H	7	3	0	4	9	14	6
K.Park Knights	7	2	1	4	11	16	5
Sunbury	7	1	2	4	6	15	4
Whittlesea	7	2	0	5	14	25	4
Rippendenm	7	0	0	7	10	31	0

Division Four

Dingley United 2 Endeavour Us 7
Elthm/B. Valley 1 Epping Thistle 1
Embassy Tanis 1 Alex the Great 0
Sunshine W'denis 4 Silvenia 08 1
Sunshine Us w Ford Falcons 0
Walk-over awarded to Sunshine United.

Sunshine W'denis	7	6	0	1	24	6	12
Endeavour Us	7	5	0	2	24	13	10
Epping Thistle	7	4	1	2	16	11	9
Alex the Great	7	4	1	2	17	15	9
Sunshine Us	7	4	1	2	10	18	9
Elthm/B. Valley	7	3	2	2	23	12	8
Ford Falcons	7	2	1	4	13	8	5
Silvenia 08	7	2	1	4	14	29	5
Dingley United	7	1	1	5	13	34	3
Embassy Tanis	7	0	0	7	12	30	0

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BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Giaccherini 21st) NORTHCOTE CITY 2 (Harris 76th, Burlak 84th)
At Olympic Park, Saturday. Referee J. Rutter. Sent off Patterson (Juve).
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Laumets — Marley, Della Rocca, Belic, De Amicis — Herd (Glockner 61st), Lane, Patterson, Minichiello — Egan (Giandomenico 81st), Giaccherini. Coach Manfred Schaefer.
NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia — N. Constantinou, Harris, Kouremenos, Palmaricciotti (Burlak 66th) — Woodall, Patiniotis, Ramos (Panagopoulos HT), J. Constantinou — Cocker, Gymnopoulos. Coach Jim Pyrgolios.
Ansett best player award: J. Constantinou (N) 3, Lane (J) 2, Harris (N) 1.

FRANKSTON PINES 0 MORWELL FALCONS 3 (Wright 70th, 72nd, Bruns 80th)
At Monterey Park, Saturday. Referee E. Venios. Cautions McLeod, McDonagh, Watson (FP).
FRANKSTON PINES: Davies — McLeod, Gavilan, Weir, Doyle — Miller, Ferris, Watson, Dick — Stirton, Post. Coach Joe Sweeney.
MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds — O'Donnell, Bruns, Byrne, Doyle — Nelson, McBride, Warszawski, Cassar — Wright, Basara. Coach Bob McLaghlan.
Ansett best player award: Byrne (MF) 3, Davies (FP) 2, Wright (MF) 1.

BULLEEN 0 ST ALBANS 0
At Veneto Club, Saturday. Referee G. Blakey.
BULLEEN: Riccioletti — Trogrlic, Krajacic, Curulli, Marsan — Angele, Ruccia, Manou, Atanasovski (Dal Ben 55th), Lujic, Milosevic. Coach Tony Vrzina.
ST ALBANS: Vunderl — Babic, Bozic (Maretic 52nd), Kupresak, Dragovic — Kuzman, Gagula, Colina — Eres (Culina HT), Morovic, Pondeljak. Coach Branko Culina.
Ansett best player award: Kupresak (St.A) 3, Riccioletti (B) 2, Lujic (B) 1.

THOMASTOWN 2 (Carfora 44th, 65th) FAWKNER 0
At Partridge Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Fraser.
THOMASTOWN: Janakievski — Ragusa, Hennessy, De Propertis, Mihailidis — Di Martino, Athersych, Dougherty, Cristaldo — Carfora, Sinclair. Coach Frank McAleer.
FAWKNER: Terzini — Cosentino, Schipano (Tubic 65th), Ferla, Soulamides — Patricca, Sabatino, Ferrer, Campbell — Emmanuelle (Marchett 55th), Hanna. Coach John Colangele.
Ansett best player award: De Propertis (T) 3, Carfora (T) 2, Terzini (F) 1.

MARIBYRNONG 0 RINGWOOD CITY 1 (Muir 80th)
At Raleigh Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Hogg.
MARIBYRNONG: D'Antonio — Blicharz, Fleming, Innes, Pichner — Stevanovic, Nelson, Czapnik (Przbyla 75th), Atanasovski — Bonk, Belegrinos. Coach Leszik Djielkowski.
RINGWOOD CITY: Blackley — Haupt, Cumming, Verniers, Nolan — May, Muir, Maguire, Wemyss — Corvan, Wall. Coach Hans Petersen.
Ansett best player award: Haupt (R) 3, Maguire (R) 2, Bonk (M) 1.

GREEN GULLY 1 (Metaxas 35th) ALTONA GATE 0
At Gully Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Santa Isabel.
GREEN GULLY: Sant — Hogben, Pender, Chetcuti, McMillan — Smart, Cutler, Wilson, Daley — Harrison, Metaxas. Coach Willie Vassallo.
ALTONA GATE: Lee — Ilioski, Gagic, Markovski, Momirovski (Aslimovski 60th) — Micevski, Kebakovski, Tortevski, Todorovski — Ristovski (Georgevski 70th), McMullen. Coach Bill Murray.
Ansett best player award: Harrison (GG) 3, Kebakovski (Alt) 2, Pender (GG) 1.

BOX HILL 0 SPRINGVALE CITY 1 (Armstrong 45th)
At Wembley Park, Sunday. Referee N. Zachariades.
BOX HILL: McKinlay (inj. Egan HT) — McPhee (Alexander 30th), McLeod, Davidson, Dimitrelos — Hanley, McArthur, Lavale, McAleer — Kennedy, Egan (Ham HT). Coach John Brown.
SPRINGVALE CITY: Brian — Rolleman, Bissinger, Bryden, Reilly — Kral (B. Keenan 80th), Findlay, Adams, Livingstone — Armstrong (S. Keenan 57th), Webster. Coach Gus Macleod.
Ansett best player award: Bryden (S) 3, Webster (S) 2, Egan (BH) 1.

STATE LEAGUE LADDER

JUVENTUS	14	8	4	2	25	10	20
CROYDON C	14	8	4	2	20	5	20
MORWELL F	14	8	3	3	21	10	19
ST ALBANS	14	7	4	3	14	7	18
Caulfield C	14	7	3	4	20	17	17
Altona Gate	14	6	4	4	19	16	16
Green Gully	14	7	1	6	20	14	16
Northc City	14	6	3	5	19	16	15
Thomastown	14	5	5	4	13	13	15
Bulleen	14	5	3	6	14	19	13
Box Hill	14	3	6	5	14	16	12
Ringwood C	14	3	6	5	12	19	12
Fawkner	14	3	4	7	8	16	10
Frankston P	14	3	4	7	11	23	10
Springvale C	14	1	4	9	6	16	6
Maribyrnong	14	2	2	9	8	27	6

RESERVES RESULTS

Frankston Pines 0 Morwell Falcons 3
Bulleen 1 St Albans 0
Thomastown 1 Fawkner 0
Maribyrnong 2 Ringwood City 1
Green Gully 0 Altona Gate 3
Box Hill 1 Springvale City 1
Croydon City 1 Caulfield City 1

RESERVES LADDER

Altona Gate	14	8	3	2	31	18	19
Juventus	13	7	5	1	35	16	19
Green Gully	14	8	3	3	36	19	19
St Albans	14	8	3	3	29	13	19
Caulfield C	14	8	3	3	27	21	19
Bulleen	14	5	4	5	16	15	14
Morwell Falc.	14	6	2	6	23	24	14
Northcote C	12	6	1	5	24	24	13
Fawkner	14	5	2	7	19	21	12
Frankston P	14	6	0	8	22	30	12
Thomastown	13	4	3	6	14	21	11
Ringwood C	14	4	3	7	21	29	11
Box Hill	14	3	5	6	19	29	11
Croydon City	14	3	4	7	20	17	10
Maribyrnong	14	2	4	8	14	25	8
Springvale C	14	2	3	9	11	29	7

CROYDON CITY 3 (van Egmond 10th, pen. 15th, Humble 27th) CAULFIELD CITY 0
At Town Park, Sunday. Referee B. Grant. Sent off Bitsonis (Caulf.).
CROYDON CITY: M. Runje — Langsbury, McIntosh, Dobson, Gabrielson — van Egmond, Brown, Roodhouse, G. Runje (Quigley 70th) — Scott, Humble. Coach Ian Dobson.
CAULFIELD CITY: Madjer (inj. Koletsos 65th) — Bitsonis, Theoharous, Fattore, Filipou — Kountouris, Aretis (Sokoluk HT), Drakeford, Zolotarev — Deligiannis, Greenwood. Coach Jim Condilis.
Ansett best player award: van Egmond (C) 3, McIntosh (C) 2, Humble (C) 1.

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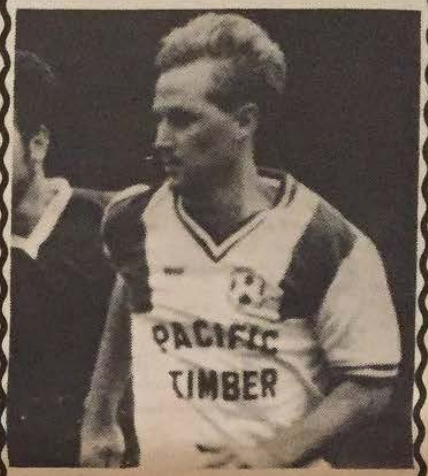
Leading goalscorers



● Nick van Egmond . . . scored two.

8. Pappas (Caul)

7. Basara (MF)
Egan (Juve)
McMullen (Alt)
Woodall (North)

6. Carfora (Thom)
Humble (Croy)
Morovic (St.A)

5. Incantalupo (Bull)

4. Bonk (Mar,3p)
Gagula (St.A)
van Egmond (Croy)

3. Athersych (Thom)
Bozikas (Bull)
Daley (GG)
Davie (Ring)
Deligiannis (Caul)
Drakeford (Caul)
Emmanuele (Fawk)
Hanna (Fawk)
Harrison (GG)
Herd (Juve)
McAleer (BH)
McBride (MF)
Metaxas (GG)
Nelson (Mar)
Scott (Croy)
Sokoluk (MF)
Tsangas (North)
Watson (FP)
Wright (MF)

2. Brimmer (Croy)
Byrne (MF)
Campbell (BH)
Cocker (Ring)
De Amicis (Juve)
Dick (FP)
Dobson (Croy)
Egan (BH)
Eres (St.A)
Farquharson (G.G)
Filipou (Caul)
Findlay (S'Vale)
Giaccherini (Juve)
Glockner (Juve)
Harris (North)
Kennedy (BH)
Klepac (Juve)
Kouremenos (North)
Lane (Juve)
Lujic (Bull)
McArthur (BH)
McLelland (GG)
McMillan (GG)
Maguire (Ring)
Markovski (Alt)
Muir (Ring)
Patiniotis (North)
Patterson (Juve)
Pender (GG)
Pondeljak (St.A)
Stirton (FP)
Theoharous (Caul)
Tortevski (Alt)
Trogrlic (Bull)

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Lujic (Bull)
13. Byrne (MF)
Corvan (Ring)
Humble (Croy)
12. Cooper (BH)
Harris (North)
Lane (Juve)
11. Brian (S'vale)
McMullen (Alt)
10. Athersych (Thom)
Minichiello (Juve)
9. Byrne (Alt)
Maguire (Ring)
Woodall (North)
8. Brown (Croy)
Herd (Juve)
Ilioski (Alt)
McIntosh (Croy)
Nelson (MF)
O'Dell (Fawk)
Sokoluk (Caul)
7. Carfora (Thom)
Davies (FP)
Dick (FP)
Fattore (Caul)
Ristovski (Alt)
Webster (S'vale)
6. Basara (MF)
Belic (Juve)
Blackley (Ring)
Bonk (Mar)
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Harrison (GG)
Haupt (Ring)
McKinlay (BH)
Miller (FP)
O'Donnell (MF)
Patiniotis (North)
Simovic (St.A)
Trogrlic (Bull)
5. Bitsonis (Caul)
Bryden (S'vale)
Cassar (MF)
Egan (Juve)
Gagula (St.A)
Koureemenos (North)
Krajacic (Bull)
McArthur (BH)
May (Ring)
Morovic (St.A)
Patterson (Juve)
Terzini (Fawk)
Watson (Pines)
4. Babic (St.A)
Brimmer (Croy)
Campbell (Fawk)
Contini (Bull)
Cosentino (Fawk)
Culina (St.A)
Davidson (BH)
Incantalupo (Bull)
Janakievski (Thom)
Kebakovski (Alt)
Krajacic (Bull)
McBride (MF)
McLelland (GG)
Morovic (St.A)
Nelson (Mar)
Pappas (Caul)
Reynolds (MF)
Sabatino (Fawk)
Turudia (North)
Wilson (GG)
3. Bissinger (S'vale)
Cocker (Ring)
Constantinou.J (North)
Cutler (G.G)
Daley (GG)
De Propertis (Thom)
Dobson (Croy)
Dougherty (Thom)
Egan (BH)
Filipou (Caul)
Innes (Mar)
Lipiarski (Mar)
Mihos (Thom)
Palmaricciotti (North)
Patricca (Fawk)
Pondeljak (St.A)
Ragusa (Thom)
Ross (FP)
Runje.G (Croy)
Simovic (St.A)
Stirton (FP)
Todorovski (Alt)

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THE State League reaches the halfway stage this Saturday, with four clubs still battling grimly for the championship.

With only four points separating the top nine clubs, theoretically any one club in the top half of the League could win the title, but realistically it seems the title must go to one of the present top four.

If Juventus doesn't win the championship it can look back to that moment early in Saturday's game against Northcote City when Scott Patterson got his marching orders.

Although Juve took the lead after that, the effort of playing a man short for over an hour eventually took its toll and Juve lost.

It was the spur that Croydon needed for the following day and it took advantage ruthlessly to crush the Caulfield pretenders with three goals in the first twenty-eight minutes.

It is now breathing down Juve's neck and looking very settled and omnious. But if Juve looks back with regret at Patterson's send-off, Croydon too must be ruing its missed goal-scoring opportunities.

If Juve and Croydon go down to the wire neck and neck, as seems likely, goal difference might be the crucial factor.

Morwell Falcons, after that mild aberration the previous week against Maribyrnong came back with a bang to dispose of Frankston Pines quite efficiently.

Morwell Falcons' problem, in disposing of leader Juventus, is the same as Croydon's, goal difference, it is only one point, but four goals behind Juve.

The fourth championship contender St Albans, was the only member of the chasing pack not to take advantage of Juve's slip, its draw at Bulleen was a big disappointment for coach Branko Culina.

The Saints' prospects are hampered by its low goalscoring too.

Culina was feeling pleased a couple of weeks ago because it seemed that big Dennis Morovic was hitting his straps at last, but Dennis the Menace couldn't find the net last week (and was thwarted by good goalkeeping too), and as a result Saints have slipped a massive 11 goals behind Juve.

Altona Gate, after starting off the season with a flourish has hit a bad patch, picking up only one point in its last three games, and scoring only one goal in that period.

Striker Gary McMullen who looked like taking the League by storm hasn't scored for four games, not since his double against Juve in Round Ten, in fact.

The only club outside the present four that looks capable of taking the title is Green Gully, coming along nicely now after an indifferent start. Since the loss to Bulleen in round seven, Gully has collected nine points, scored 13 goals and risen from third bottom to seventh.

If it is able to maintain its present impetus, it will be a definite title contender.

The dearth of reliable goalscorers, players who can find the net regularly is so pronounced Northcote City was happy to shell out $6,500 last week to buy Peter Cocker from Ringwood City, despite the fact that Cocker has scored only two goals so far this season.

Cocker made his debut for Northcote against Juventus on Saturday, but didn't trouble the scoreboard, Northcote's goals coming from Paul Harris and substitute Mike Burlak.

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RELEGATION ISSUE ALREADY SETTLED?

If the title race is wide open, the same can hardly be said for the relegation issue.

Although Springvale City finally cracked it for a win, which lifted it off the bottom, it is by no means safe.

It is still four points adrift of Frankston Pines and Fawkner although there isn't much in the respective goal difference.

Without taking too much away from Vale's fighting win on Saturday, it has to be said that events conspired against Box Hill.

The HIllmen missed Paddy Cooper, normally a tower of strength at the back who had been sent off the week before, and then had the misfortune to lose goalkeeper John McKinlay just before half-time.

McKinlay's errant cartilage popped out and wouldn't go back in, and he was literally on one leg when Richie Armstrong scored the vital goal.

Striker Gary Egan went in goal for the second half and played incredibly well, incidentally.

Maybe that was Vale's turning point and it could be inspired for the game against Thomastown on Saturday.

Maribyrnong looks doomed, and Springvale has to set its sights now on overhauling Frankston Pines or Fawkner.

Pines might be the easiest target, because Fawkner has wherewithal and is prepared to spend for survival.

It has a nucleus of good players too, in Andy O'Dell, Willie Raynes and Dave Hanna who can score goals.

Both Pines and Fawkner face difficult games this week, Pines hosting Croydon and Fawkner at home to Green Gully.

The weekend's games, all on SATURDAY, probable winners in capitals:
Caulfield City v **BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS** at Princes Park, **ST ALBANS** v Box Hill at Churchill Reserve, Frankston Pines v **CROYDON CITY** at Monterey Park, **NORTHCOTE CITY** v Bulleen at John Cain Reserve, Springvale City v **THOMASTOWN** at Ross Reserve. Fawkner v **GREEN GULLY** at Smith Reserve, **ALTONA GATE** v Maribyrnong at Paisley Reserve, Ringwood City v **MORWELL FALCONS** at Jubilee Park.

So much for the contenders.

Caulfield City cannot be reckoned a contender any more.

Last week I mentioned that team selection, with some players in the wrong positions could be the clue to its slide, but I think player attitude and lack of discipline has a big bearing on the team's performance.

For instance, John Bitsonis came back last week after missing a game through suspension, only to be sent off against Croydon.

Last week Con Pappas was suspended, this week Bitsonis will miss the game against Juventus.

No club can afford to do without players like Pappas and Bitsonis for crucial matches, and the galling aspect of the bookings that Caulfield players collect is that they are for such petty misdemeanours like kicking the ball away and dissent.

There isn't a hard man at Caulfield, well not until recently anyway.

Write Caulfield off as pretenders, it's going to be another could-a-been season I'm them.

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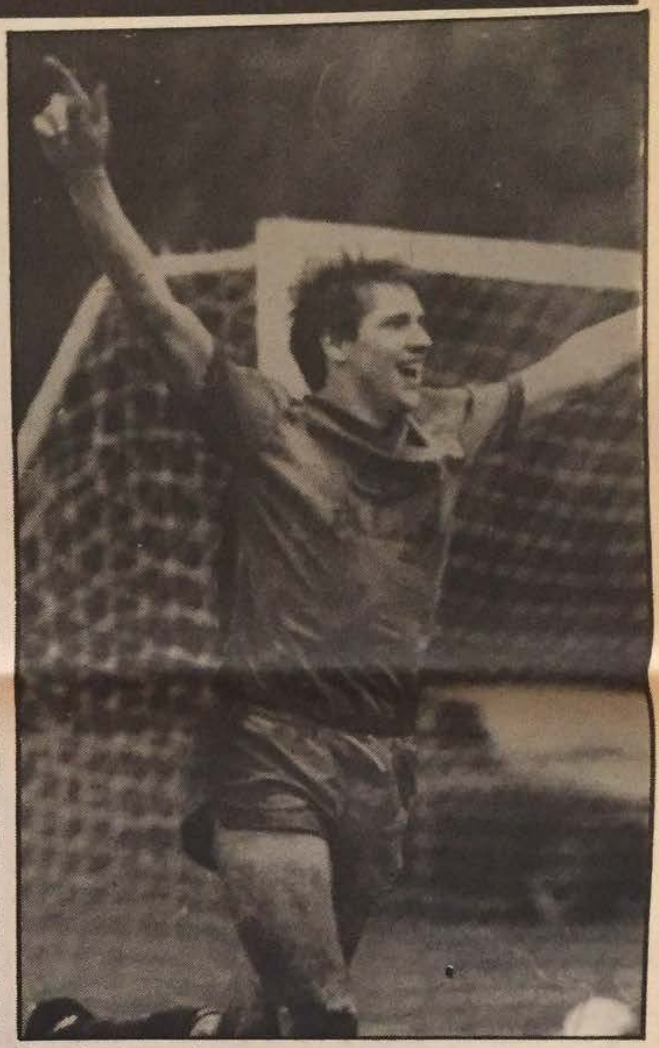

● Peter Cocker — sold to Northcote for $6,500.

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VICTORIAN LEAGUE DIVISION 1

FIRSTS

E'don	1	V	S'ham	3
W'gte	1	V	B'mead	0
D'nong	2	V	Oakl'h	4
Knox	3	V	M.Subs	0
N'mad	3	V	Dove'n	1
Albion	1	V	M'bark	1
Mord	4	V	M'bee	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M'bark	10	6	4	0	17	5	16
Albion	10	4	5	1	12	7	13
S'ham	10	5	2	3	16	10	12
Knox	10	5	1	4	17	16	11
E'don	10	4	3	3	13	15	11
Oakl'h	10	4	2	4	15	11	10
N'mad	9	4	2	3	15	11	10
B'mead	9	3	4	2	9	7	10
Dove'n	10	5	0	5	13	14	10
Mord	9	3	3	3	12	10	9
M'bee	9	3	2	4	10	14	8
W'gte	10	2	4	4	6	13	8
M.Subs	9	0	5	4	4	12	5
D'nong	9	0	1	8	7	21	1

RESERVES

E'don	1	V	S'ham	0
W'gte	1	V	B'mead	2
D'nong	1	V	Oakl'h	0
Knox	9	V	M.Subs	0
N'mad	1	V	Dove'n	1
Albion	3	V	M'bark	1
Mord	1	V	M'bee	5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Knox	9	6	2	1	29	12	14
M'bark	9	5	2	2	22	9	12
Dove'n	9	4	4	1	13	9	12
B'mead	9	5	1	3	19	13	11
Albion	9	5	1	3	13	12	11
S'ham	9	4	2	3	26	18	10
D'nong	9	3	3	3	11	8	9
N'mad	9	4	1	4	15	13	9
M.Subs	9	4	1	4	11	22	9
E'don	9	4	0	5	11	13	8
Mord	9	2	2	4	15	23	6
Oakl'h	9	0	5	4	13	18	5
W'bee	9	2	0	7	12	23	4
W'gte	9	2	0	7	13	30	4

DIVISION 2

FIRSTS

Keilor	1	V	R'wood	0
Nav.C	1	V	Coburg	2
Geel	2	V	Y'ville	0
B'ton	4	V	H'berg	2
Pt Mel	0	V	N.Geel	3
C'ton H	0	V	R'mond	2
Bon Rv	0	V	S'bury	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Geel	10	7	1	2	19	10	15
Keilor	10	7	1	2	16	11	15
B'ton	10	6	1	3	17	12	13
R'wood	10	6	1	3	20	16	13
Pt Mel	10	6	1	3	17	13	13
N.Geel	10	5	2	3	21	14	12
Coburg	10	4	3	3	14	12	11
Nav.C	10	4	2	4	17	14	10
C'ton H	10	3	2	5	13	14	8
R'mond	10	4	0	6	19	23	8
S'bury	10	2	3	5	11	16	7
Bon Rv	10	1	5	4	7	12	7
H'berg	10	3	0	7	12	21	6
Y'ville	10	0	2	8	4	19	2

RESERVES

Keilor	4	V	R'wood	2
Nav.C	3	V	Coburg	1
Geel	8	V	Y'ville	0
B'ton	3	V	H'berg	1
Pt Mel	3	V	N.Geel	1
C'ton H	6	V	R'mond	0
Bon Rv	2	V	S'bury	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B'ton	10	9	1	0	26	7	19
C'ton H	10	8	1	1	30	14	17
Keilor	10	8	0	2	26	16	16
R'wood	10	7	0	3	29	17	14
Pt Mel	10	5	1	4	25	15	11
N.Geel	10	5	0	5	21	17	10
R'mond	10	4	1	5	16	26	9
Nav.C	10	4	0	6	17	18	8
H'berg	10	3	2	5	14	18	8
Bon Rv	10	3	1	6	19	19	7
Geel	10	2	2	6	21	21	6
Y'ville	10	3	0	7	14	39	6
S'bury	10	2	1	7	18	23	5
Coburg	10	2	0	8	11	37	4

DIVISION 3

FIRSTS

Holl Pk	1	V	Elt/D.V	0
S'vale	2	V	H'thon	2
C'sea	1	V	H'ton	1
Bell Pk	3	V	Altona	2
M'bin	0	V	S'ford	1
Y'ourn	2	V	C/Geel	2
C'linda	5	V	Lalor	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bell Pk	10	9	0	1	27	7	18
C'sea	10	5	3	2	24	13	13
C/geel	10	5	3	2	16	8	13
Holl Pk	10	6	0	4	21	11	12
H'ton	10	4	4	2	11	7	12
Elt/d.V	10	4	3	3	14	13	11
M'bin	10	4	3	3	11	14	11
Lalor	10	4	2	4	11	17	10
S'ford	10	3	3	4	15	14	9
C'linda	10	3	2	5	13	20	8
H'thon	10	2	3	5	14	17	7
Y'ourn	10	1	5	4	9	15	7
S'vale	10	0	5	5	8	19	5
Altona	10	2	0	8	12	31	4

RESEVES

Holl Pk	0	V	Elt/D.V	3
S'vale	4	V	H'thorn	3
C'sea	1	V	H'ton	0
Bell Pk	2	V	Altona	1
M'bin	1	V	S'ford	0
Y'ourn	0	V	C/Geel	5
C'linda	2	V	Lalor	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Elt/d.V	10	9	0	1	31	12	18
M'bin	10	7	2	1	35	8	16
Bell Pk	10	5	2	3	15	13	12
S'ford	10	5	1	4	25	13	11
S'vale	10	5	1	4	21	18	11
C'linda	9	5	1	3	24	24	11
Altona	10	5	1	4	14	15	11
C'sea	9	5	0	4	15	18	10
Holl Pk	10	4	2	4	17	21	10
H'thorn	9	3	2	4	16	18	8
Lalor	9	2	3	4	15	13	7
C/geel	10	3	1	6	20	20	7
M'ton	10	1	1	8	9	24	3
Y'ourn	10	0	1	9	5	45	1

DIVISION 4

FIRSTS

Keysbro	1	V	W'town	2
Regent	3	V	R'anna	0
Boronia	0	V	K'ingal	2
Bent	2	V	More.Pk	0
L'warr	4	V	FTGully	0
Brun/Iv	1	V	Cl'ton	2
P'vale	0	V	Hamlyn	4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bent	10	7	3	0	25	9	17
Cl'ton	10	8	0	2	29	16	16
Hamlyn	10	6	2	2	29	17	14
K'ingal	10	6	1	3	21	14	13
Regent	10	4	3	3	13	9	11
R'anna	10	4	3	3	15	19	11
Brun/Iv	10	3	4	3	15	9	10
L'warr	10	4	2	4	14	10	10
More.Pk	10	4	2	4	22	22	10
FTgully	10	2	2	6	7	17	6
W'town	10	2	2	6	9	21	6
P'vale	10	1	4	5	7	19	6
Keysbro	10	1	3	6	8	16	5
Boronia	10	1	3	6	6	22	5

RESERVES

Keysbro	1	V	W'town	3
Regent	3	V	R'anna	3
Boronia	1	V	K'ingal	1
Bent	3	V	More.Pk	2
L'warr	0	V	FTGully	0
Brun/Iv	3	V	Cl'ton	0
P'vale	0	V	Hamlyn	4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cl'ton	10	7	1	2	19	11	15
Brun/Iv	10	5	3	2	21	12	13
Regent	10	4	5	1	17	14	13
W'town	10	6	0	4	14	16	12
Hamlyn	10	5	1	4	21	17	11
Bent	10	3	4	3	25	23	10
L'warr	10	3	4	3	14	12	10
Keysbro	10	4	2	4	18	19	10
R'anna	10	4	2	4	17	19	10
K'ingal	9	3	2	4	12	11	8
P'vale	10	4	0	6	14	22	8
More.Pk	9	3	1	5	14	16	7
Ftgully	10	2	3	5	14	18	7
Boronia	10	1	2	7	9	19	4

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 1

FIRSTS

N.Sun	1	V	B'wick	3
E Geel	2	V	Melton	2
Malvern	0	V	W Vale	0
S'vale	1	V	Nav'ly	0
W Mead	2	V	Prahran	1
Oak.Sub	2	V	Berwick	1
S Yarra	1	V	Mons'f	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B'wick	10	8	2	0	22	8	18
Oak.Sub	10	6	1	3	24	17	13
Prahran	10	4	5	1	25	19	13
W Mead	10	6	1	3	17	13	13
W Vale	10	5	2	3	15	10	12
Berwick	10	6	0	4	17	13	12
N.Sun	10	5	1	4	25	20	11
B'wick	10	4	3	3	17	15	11
Malvern	10	4	2	4	15	19	10
Melton	10	3	2	5	17	19	8
Mons'f	10	3	1	6	11	17	7
E Geel	10	2	1	7	12	24	5
Nav'ly	10	2	0	8	11	22	4
S Yarra	10	1	1	8	9	21	3

RESERVES

N.Sun	1	V	B'wick	0
E Geel	1	V	Melton	2
Malvern	3	V	W Vale	2
S'vale	4	V	Nav'ly	1
W Mead	2	V	Prahran	1
Oak.Sub	0	V	Berwick	3
S Yarra	2	V	Mons'f	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Prahran	10	7	1	2	29	11	15
N.Sun	10	7	1	2	28	10	15
W Mead	10	7	1	2	21	16	15
Malvern	10	6	2	2	28	21	14
S'vale	10	6	2	2	17	11	14
Melton	10	4	3	3	16	12	11
W Vale	10	3	4	3	15	13	10
S Yarra	10	2	5	3	19	21	9
Berwick	10	3	3	4	12	17	9
Mons'f	10	4	0	6	23	22	8
B'wick	10	2	3	5	13	21	7
Nav'ly	10	2	1	7	11	29	5
E Geel	10	1	2	7	14	26	4
Oak.Sub	10	1	2	7	9	25	4

DIVISION 2

FIRSTS

Glenroy	1	V	Br'tons	3
F.Hill	2	V	Ascot	1
Cranb'n	4	V	Port Un	2
Monash	0	V	S S'vale	4
Altona Eas	1	V	F'kston	0
S Dandy	4	V	Uni Melb	0
Ball't	2	V	Lalor	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cl'ton	10	7	1	2	19	11	15
Brun/Iv	10	5	3	2	21	12	13
Regent	10	4	5	1	17	14	13
W'town	10	6	0	4	14	16	12
Hamlyn	10	5	1	4	21	17	11
Bent	10	3	4	3	25	23	10
L'warr	10	3	4	3	14	12	10
Keysbro	10	4	2	4	18	19	10
R'anna	10	4	2	4	17	19	10
K'ingal	9	3	2	4	12	11	8
P'vale	10	4	0	6	14	22	8
More.Pk	9	3	1	5	14	16	7
Ftgully	10	2	3	5	14	18	7
Boronia	10	1	2	7	9	19	4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona	10	7	2	1	17	13	16
S S'val	10	6	3	1	22	6	15
F.Hill	10	6	3	1	23	9	15
S Dandy	10	6	1	3	23	16	13
Br'tons	10	4	3	3	18	14	11
Cranb'n	10	4	3	3	15	11	11
Ascot	10	3	5	2	12	10	11
Uni Mel	10	3	5	2	12	13	11
Glenroy	10	3	2	5	15	16	8
Port Un	10	3	2	5	14	19	8
Ball't	10	2	3	5	11	20	7
Lalor	10	1	4	5	12	22	6
F'kston	10	1	3	6	10	21	5
Monash	10	1	1	8	6	20	3

RESERVES

Glenroy	1	V	Br'tons	0
F.Hill	1	V	Ascot	2
Cranb'n	1	V	Port Un	1
Monash	0	V	S S'vale	5
Altona Eas	1	V	F'kston	1
S Dandy	2	V	Uni Melb	1
Ball't	3	V	Lalor	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Altona	10	6	4	0	23	13	16
Uni Mel	10	7	1	2	29	12	15
F'kston	10	7	1	2	23	13	15
S Dandy	10	5	2	3	25	15	12
Ascot	10	4	3	3	17	13	11
Ball't	10	4	2	4	21	12	10
Lalor	10	4	1	5	24	19	9
Cranb'n	9	2	5	2	10	12	9
S S'val	9	3	2	4	13	18	8
Glenroy	10	4	0	6	17	25	8
F.Hill	10	3	2	5	13	21	8
Monash	9	2	2	5	11	20	6
Br'tons	10	2	1	7	8	22	5
Port Un	9	1	2	6	10	29	4

DIVISION 3

FIRSTS

Carrum	1	V	Lyndale	3
R'dale	0	V	Brandon	3
Ringw'd	2	V	Altona	3
Monbulk	0	V	Fitzroy	1
Med.Pk.	4	V	Mitchae	0
Kew	1	V	W'tirna	0
Bataan	6	V	Nth Clayto	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fitzroy	10	7	3	0	24	13	17
Lyndale	10	7	0	3	28	15	14
Kew	10	5	4	1	15	11	14
Brandon	10	5	3	2	17	10	13
W'tirna	10	5	2	3	25	12	12
Med.Pk.	10	4	4	2	15	12	12
Mitchae	10	5	1	4	18	22	11
Altona	10	3	4	3	10	12	10
Bataan	10	1	6	3	17	18	8
Carrum	10	2	4	4	14	16	8
Monbulk	10	2	2	6	8	9	6
Ringw'd	10	1	4	5	12	20	6
Nth Cla	10	1	3	6	9	23	5
R'dale	10	1	2	7	11	30	4

RESERVES

Carrum	2	V	Lyndale	7
R'dale	0	V	Brandon	0
Ringw'd	2	V	Altona	3
Monbulk	6	V	Fitzroy	0
Med.Pk.	1	V	Mitchae	1
Kew	2	V	W'tirna	2
Bataan	9	V	N.Clayton	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
W'tirna	10	8	1	1	27	13	17
Kew	10	6	3	1	24	14	15
Bataan	10	6	2	2	31	17	14
Brandon	10	6	2	2	25	11	14
Lyndale	10	7	0	3	33	20	14
Monbulk	10	6	1	3	20	12	13
R'dale	10	4	3	3	21	19	11
Med.Pk.	10	4	1	5	25	21	9
Carrum	10	4	1	5	30	35	9
Mitchae	10	2	3	5	15	21	7
Altona	10	3	1	6	23	34	7
Ringw'd	10	2	0	8	16	25	4
N.Clayt	10	2	0	8	11	31	4
Fitzroy	10	1	0	9	16	44	2

AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION 1

FIRSTS

Diggers	5	V	North U	0
Balwyn	5	V	Phillip	2
L'robe	2	V	H'thorn	2
Oak U	2	V	Coll'wd	2
Keilor	0	V	Coll'wd	2
E Rich	2	V	Nav.Wand	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
E Rich	9	8	1	0	24	11	17
H'thorn	9	7	1	1	30	12	15
Balwyn	9	4	2	3	28	19	10
Nav.Man	9	4	2	3	23	16	10
Oak U	9	3	4	2	18	19	10
Phillip	9	3	4	2	18	20	10
Coll'wd	10	3	2	5	15	22	8
North U	9	3	2	4	11	18	8
Diggers	9	2	2	5	15	18	6
L'robe	9	0	5	4	16	21	5
Keilor	9	0	1	8	8	30	1
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RESERVES

Diggers		V	Bye	
Balwyn	4	V	North U	0
L'robe U	3	V	Phillip	2
Oak U	1	V	H'thon	1
Keilor	0	V	Coll'wd	5
E Rich	0	V	Nav.Wand	4
Balwyn	9	7	1	1	30	10	15
Coll'wd	9	7	0	2	36	15	14
Nav.Man	9	6	1	2	21	12	13
Phillip	9	3	5	1	20	15	11
E Rich	9	4	2	3	33	27	10
Diggers	9	3	2	4	23	25	8
L'robe	9	4	0	5	17	21	8
North U	9	2	3	4	10	20	7
Oak U	8	2	2	4	21	25	6
H'thon	9	0	5	4	11	24	5
Keilor	9	0	1	8	8	36	1
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DIVISION 2

FIRSTS

I'city	1	V	Furlan	0
Mel.Uni	5	V	E.Hills	0
Yarra U	3	V	D.Valley	1
C'corde	0	V	C'well 6	14
Maccabi	4	V	R.M.I.T.	4
O Scots	7	V	Upfield	2
Yarra U	10	7	1	2	44	17	15
Mel.Uni	10	7	1	2	27	9	15
C'well	10	7	0	3	44	21	14
O Scots	10	6	2	2	29	16	14
Upfield	10	5	3	2	31	18	13
Maccabi	10	4	3	3	30	22	11
E.Hills	10	3	3	4	21	26	9
Furlan	10	3	2	5	22	24	8
R.M.I.T	10	3	2	5	24	35	8
D.Valle	10	1	5	4	13	19	7
I'city	10	3	0	7	10	22	6
C'corde	10	0	0	10	7	73	0

RESERVES

I'city	2	V	Furlan	0
Mel.Uni	2	V	E.Hills	3
Yarra U	6	V	D.Valley	2
C'corde	0	V	C'well 6	2
Maccabi	5	V	R.M.I.T.	2
O Scots	2	V	Upfield	4
E.Hills	10	7	3	0	26	13	17
C'well	10	7	2	1	23	11	16
O Scots	9	5	3	1	24	12	13
Upfield	10	6	1	3	21	18	13
Furlan	10	5	2	3	38	15	12
I'city	9	5	1	3	26	6	11
Yarra U	9	4	2	3	27	19	10
Mel.Uni	10	3	2	5	19	16	8
D.Valle	10	2	2	6	16	25	6
Maccabi	9	2	0	7	17	35	4
R.M.I.T	8	1	0	7	12	29	2
C'corde	8	0	0	8	3	53	0

UNDER 11

CENTRAL

MORDI	V	BYE	
MEL CITY	1	V	E,RICH 1
CLAYTON	8	V	E,BENT 0
ELWOOD	2	V	C,FIELD 3
B,MARIB	18	V	MORDI B 0
D,LEIGH SU	0	V	CONDORS 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B,maris	7	7	0	0	65	7	14
Clayton	7	5	1	1	46	9	11
Mordi	6	5	0	1	40	2	10
Mel Cty	7	4	1	2	45	17	9
Condors	6	3	2	1	24	14	8
C,field	6	3	1	2	12	10	7
E,rich	6	2	2	2	26	7	6
Elwood	7	2	1	4	28	37	5
E,bent	6	0	0	6	5	48	0
D,leigh	6	0	0	6	1	64	0
Mordi B	6	0	0	6	1	78	0

EASTERN A

S'valeA	15	V	Cla'nda	0
Cr'don.C	13	V	Donc.R	0
Mitchae	1	V	M'ley.Cty	2
Knox.A	4	V	F. HILL	0
Bulleen	6	V	B.Hill	0
M'ley.U	8	V	Nuna.C	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'valeA	7	7	0	0	64	2	14
Cr'don.	7	7	0	0	44	5	14
Knox.A	7	5	0	2	49	8	10
M'ley.U	7	5	0	2	28	11	10
F. Hill	7	3	1	3	19	15	7
Donc.R	7	3	1	3	18	35	7
Bulleen	7	3	0	4	23	13	6
Mitchae	7	2	1	4	28	16	5
M'ley.C	7	2	1	4	10	40	5
Cla'nda	7	1	1	5	3	35	3
Nuna.C	7	1	1	5	13	38	3
B.Hill	7	0	0	7	1	62	0

EASTERN B

S,BROOK	0	V	ELTHAM	1
B,DON PK	1	V	M,BARK	4
KNOX CTY C	0	V	OAKLEIGH	3
KNOX CTY B	13	V	BRI,TON	0
BORONIA	1	V	S,VALE CTY	0
H,TON PK	8	V	G/W.LEY	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M,bark	6	5	1	0	26	1	11
G/w.Ley	6	4	1	1	21	9	9
H,ton P	6	4	0	2	25	8	8
Oakleig	6	3	2	1	13	7	8
Eltham	6	3	1	2	10	7	7
S,vale	6	3	1	2	13	14	7
B,don P	5	2	2	1	13	5	6
Boronia	6	2	2	2	7	11	6
Knox Ct	5	2	1	2	24	8	5
Knox Ct	6	1	1	4	7	27	3
S,brook	6	0	0	6	5	25	0
Bri,ton	6	0	0	6	2	44	0

NORTHERN

H,BERG UTD	0	V	PRESTON A	2
MEL,CROATI		V	BYE	
N,COTE CTY	0	V	MALVERN	1
LALOR	0	V	FAWKNER	7
T,TOWN	0	V	LALOR UTD	0
B.U.JUVE	5	V	N,COLL UTD	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner	6	6	0	0	32	1	12
T,town	7	5	2	0	23	4	12
B.U.Juv	7	5	2	0	20	2	12
Lalor U	6	4	2	0	9	3	10
Malvern	6	3	1	2	10	17	7
Mel,cro	6	1	2	3	14	13	4
Preston	6	2	0	4	5	10	4
Lalor	7	1	2	4	3	27	4
N,coll	6	1	1	4	6	15	3
N,cote	7	1	0	6	8	15	2
H,berg	6	0	0	6	2	25	0

NTH/WEST A

MED,PARK	0	V	ESS,DON	6
MES,GATE	0	V	REGENT	2
H,BERG B	0	V	WEST SUBS	20
E/BURN/IHO	2	V	SUNBURY	1
BYE		V	SYD,PARK	
BYE

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
P,ula	7	7	0	0	34	3	14
C,field	7	6	0	1	34	8	12
Clayton	7	5	0	2	25	10	10
Nuna Ct	6	4	0	2	18	11	8
Brighto	7	3	2	2	13	12	8
B,earls	7	3	1	3	22	13	7
L,warn	7	2	2	3	8	11	6
E,rich	7	2	2	3	5	13	6
E,bent	7	2	1	4	14	29	5
Glen Ha	6	1	1	4	5	22	3
D,nong	7	1	0	6	9	32	2
Baxter	7	0	1	6	1	24	1

CEN/PEN B

SEAFORD B	3	V	B,GREENS 0
CHELSEA	3	V	M,TON 1
SS,VALE	3	V	KARINGAL 0
ELWOOD	8	V	CONDORS 0
MITCHAM B	5	V	BAN,HAM 0
C,BOURNE	1	V	BERWICK B 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C,bourn	7	7	0	0	17	5	14
Condors	7	5	1	1	37	11	11
Elwood	7	5	0	2	41	6	10
Mitchas	7	4	1	2	23	9	9
Seaford	7	4	1	2	24	13	9
B,green	7	3	2	2	10	7	8
Ss,vale	7	3	0	4	13	13	6
Chelsea	7	3	0	4	15	20	6
Berwick	7	2	1	4	7	21	5
San,haa	7	2	0	5	9	34	4
Karinga	7	1	0	6	3	29	2
M,ton	7	0	0	7	3	34	0

EASTERN A

S,VALE CTY	4	V	CLARINDA 2
DOVETON	2	V	D,ROVERS 1
MITCHAM A	10	V	MONBULK 0
F,STON UTD	2	V	F,HILL 1
M,BARK	2	V	SEAFORD A 5
WAV,UTD	1	V	BERWICK A 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Seaford	7	7	0	0	25	9	14
Berwick	7	4	3	0	19	2	11
Mitchas	7	4	2	1	27	4	10
F,hill	7	4	2	1	22	6	10
S,vale	7	5	0	2	21	9	10
Doveton	7	3	2	2	18	13	8
Clarind	7	3	1	3	12	13	7
F,ston	7	2	2	3	7	8	6
Wav,utd	7	2	1	4	9	15	5
D,rover	7	1	1	5	7	20	3
M,bark	7	0	0	7	2	30	0
Monbulk	7	0	0	7	3	43	0

NORTHERN A

H,BERG UTD	0	V	B.U.JUVE 1
PRESTON	1	V	REGENT 0
BYE		V	MALVERN
BULLEEN	1	V	M,MED 0
T,TOWN	4	V	FAWKNER 2
LALOR	5	V	N,REG 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor	6	5	1	0	14	1	11
Regent	7	4	2	1	22	6	10
N,res	6	3	2	1	15	11	8
H,berg	7	3	1	3	6	6	7
Preston	7	2	3	2	7	8	7
B.U.Juv	7	2	2	3	8	7	6
Bulleen	6	2	1	3	3	4	5
T,town	6	2	1	3	8	11	5
Fawkner	6	2	1	3	7	16	5
M,med	6	1	2	3	5	6	4
Malvern	6	0	2	4	5	24	2

NORTHERN B

G,BORO	2	V	ELTHAM 2
M,CROATIA	8	V	KEON PK 0
N,COTE CTY	1	V	ESS,DON 2
PT,MELB	1	V	LALOR UTD 7
BYE		V	BYE
BUNDOORA	2	V	E,BRUN/IVA 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor U	7	7	0	0	35	4	14
Ess,don	7	4	1	2	17	9	9
E,brun/	6	3	2	1	11	6	8
M,croat	6	2	3	1	21	4	7
N,cote	6	3	0	3	10	11	6
Pt,melb	5	1	2	2	7	10	4
G,boro	6	1	2	3	8	16	4
Keon Pk	6	2	0	4	10	21	4
Eltham	6	1	2	3	11	24	4
Bundoor	6	1	1	4	8	27	3

WESTERN A

BYE		V	N,GEE
MELTON	1	V	E,ALTONA 0
BYE		V	H/PK/ASTY
SUN,HTS		V	BYE
ST ALBANS	8	V	ALTONA CTY 1
KEILOR	0	V	SUN PARK 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
N,gee	4	3	1	0	14	2	7
St Alba	4	3	1	0	12	2	7
Sun Par	5	3	1	1	12	5	7
Sun,hts	4	3	0	1	9	2	6
Melton	5	2	1	2	2	4	5
Altona	4	1	1	2	6	16	3
C,alton	5	1	0	4	4	14	2
H/pk/as	3	0	1	2	1	8	1
Keilor	4	0	0	4	1	8	0

WESTERN B

GEORGE I		V	WTH,SUN
BYE		V	BYE
ALBION		V	W,SUBS
W,VALE		V	BRINTONS
ALTONA GAT		V	BYE
MELB CITY		V	SYD PARK

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Wth,sun	4	4	0	0	10	0	8
Altona	5	4	0	1	14	5	8
Melb Ct	4	3	0	1	6	4	6
W,vale	4	2	0	2	16	4	4
W,subs	4	2	0	2	6	7	4
George	4	1	1	2	6	8	3
Albion	4	1	1	2	4	19	3
Brinton	4	0	2	2	1	6	2
Syd Par	5	0	0	5	5	15	0

UNDER 13

EASTERN A

LYNDALE	1	V	CLARINDA 3
DONC.R	4	V	E/RICH 1
BENT GR	4	V	WAV/LEY CT 2
SEAFORD	4	V	CROYDON 1
M/BARK	1	V	L,WARN 3
C,BOURNE	0	V	B,MARIS 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Donc.R	7	5	2	0	19	2	12
Bent Gr	7	5	1	1	31	6	11
Clarind	7	5	1	1	20	8	11
Lyndale	7	4	2	1	15	5	10
E/rich	7	4	2	1	18	11	10
B,earls	7	3	3	1	30	13	9
Seaford	7	4	0	3	16	22	8
C,bourn	7	1	4	2	4	14	6
Wav/ley	7	1	1	5	7	22	3
L,warn	7	1	0	6	10	23	2
M/bark	7	0	2	5	4	22	2
Croydon	7	0	0	7	5	31	0

EASTERN B

MORDI	0	V	SS/VALE 0
HASTINGS	0	V	M,TON 8
R,WOOD CTY	0	V	E,BENT 6
MONBULK	0	V	F,HILL 6
WAV,UTD	5	V	SANDY 0
HAMPTON		V	BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mordi	7	5	2	0	36	1	12
Wav,utd	6	5	1	0	40	2	11
E,bent	6	4	1	1	32	3	9
F,hill	7	3	2	2	18	14	8
R,wood	6	3	1	2	19	13	7
Ss/vale	6	3	1	2	10	8	7
Hampton	6	3	0	3	23	18	6
M,ton	7	2	1	4	12	21	5
Sandy	7	2	0	5	12	33	4
Monbulk	6	1	0	5	10	29	2
Hasting	7		0	7	4	74	0

NTH/WEST A

LALOR	0	V	LALOR UTD 4
MELB.CROAT	0	V	REGENT 3
N'COTE	2	V	WEST.SUBS 5
NTH.SUN		V	BYE
ALT.GATE	1	V	ALT.CY 1
BRUN.CY	0	V	FAWKNER 8

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner	7	4	3	0	30	5	11
Regent	6	5	1	0	20	4	11
Alt.Cy	7	5	1	1	18	9	11
Alt.Gat	7	4	3	0	11	4	11
West.Su	6	4	0	2	20	10	8
N'cote	6	2	1	3	9	16	5
Melb.Cr	6	2	0	4	12	12	4
Lalor U	6	2	0	4	13	14	4
Nth.Sun	6	1	1	4	8	11	3
Lalor	6	0	1	5	4	29	1
Brun.Cy	7	0	1	6	2	33	1

NTH/WEST B

ESS.CY	4	V	S.G.X. 1
BYE		V	E.GEEL
MORELAND	3	V	M,NONG 0
ALBION	1	V	NEW.COLL 0
T.TOWN		V	BYE
SYD.PK	2	V	CLIF.HILL 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ess.Cy	6	5	1	0	35	3	11
Morelan	6	5	1	0	18	3	11
S.G.X.	6	5	0	1	26	7	10
T.Town	5	3	1	1	25	6	7
Albion	5	3	0	2	18	12	6
Clif.Hi	7	2	0	5	6	23	4
E.Geel	5	1	1	3	8	11	3
New.Col	5	0	2	3	2	13	2
Syd.Pk	6	1	0	5	4	34	2
M.Nong	5	0	0	5	3	33	0

NTH/WEST C

PRESTON B	3	V	ELTHAM 0
ROSANNA	5	V	WESTGATE 0
M.FIEL RAN	0	V	WERRIBEE 2
NTH.UTD	1	V	KEON.PK 3
YARRAVILLE	7	V	B.MEADOWS 0
SUNBURY		V	BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarravi	6	6	0	0	43	3	12
Preston	7	5	1	1	24	9	11
Werribe	6	5	0	1	18	7	10
Keon.Pk	7	4	1	2	22	11	9
Nth.Utd	6	3	1	2	12	14	7
Rosanna	7	3	0	4	15	20	6
Eltham	6	2	1	3	11	20	5
Westgat	6	1	1	4	8	18	3
Sunbury	6	1	1	4	10	21	3
M.Fiel	6	1	1	4	2	17	3
B.Meado	7	0	1	6	1	26	1

RICOH S/LEAGUE

G,GULLY	0	V	B,U.JUVE 4
S/VALE CTY	5	V	E,ALTONA 1
MITCHAM	2	V	ST ALBANS 2
F/STON UTD	0	V	C.FIELD CT 0
PRESTON A	0	V	H/BERG UTD 1
CLAYTON	2	V	KARINGAL 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B,u.Juv	7	5	1	1	18	3	11
S/vale	7	5	1	1	22	11	11
E,alton	7	5	0	2	18	7	10
H/berg	7	4	2	1	11	6	10
Preston	7	4	1	2	16	10	9
Mitchas	7	4	1	2	9	8	9
St Alba	7	2	2	3	10	15	6
G,gully	7	2	2	3	9	15	6
F/ston	7	2	1	4	11	15	5
Karinga	7	1	2	4	8	17	4
C.Field	7	0	2	5	5	18	2
Clayton	7	0	1	6	5	17	1

UNDER 14

EASTERN A

BYE		V	CLARINDA
D,LEIGH	7	V	B,MARIS 1
MITCHAM	0	V	F/STON PIN 1
BYE		V	SS/VALE
BULLEEN	1	V	SEAFORD 6
WAV UTD	1	V	NUNA 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
O,leigh	6	5	0	1	23	6	10
Nuna	6	3	3	0	21	13	9
F/ston	6	3	3	0	11	8	9
Clarind	6	3	2	1	21	8	8
Mitchas	6	2	2	2	9	4	6
Seaford	5	3	0	2	13	9	6
Ss/vale	5	1	1	3	10	16	3
Wav Utd	5	1	1	3	4	13	3
Bulleen	5	1	0	4	4	13	2
B,earls	6	0	0	6	12	38	0

EASTERN B

S/VALE UTD	5	V	F.T.G 1
BYE		V	WAV CTY
BOX HILL	3	V	MACCABI 0
G,WAV	0	V	C,FIELD 0
PK,MORE	2	V	S/VALE CTY 1
OAK SUBS	2	V	BERWICK 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Wav Cty	6	5	1	0	41	2	11
Oak Sub	6	5	1	0	25	7	11
S/vale	7	4	1	2	25	12	9
C,field	6	3	2	1	14	8	8
Pk,more	6	3	1	2	22	9	7
Berwick	7	3	1	3	15	18	7
S/vale	6	2	2	2	12	9	6
G,wav	4	0	4	0	1	1	4
Box Hil	6	1	1	4	9	32	3
F.T.G	7	1	0	6	12	32	2
Maccabi	6	0	0	6	2	45	0

EASTERN C

SHER.RANG	3	V	CROYDON 3
CLAYTON	1	V	CHELSEA 1
HASTINGS	1	V	BAXTER 0
F.STON UTD		V	BYE
DONC.ROV	0	V	L.WARRIN 3
OAKLEIGH S	6	V	D.NONG 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
L.Warri	7	5	2	0	24	2	12
Croydon	6	4	2	0	32	12	10
Donc.Ro	7	4	1	2	23	7	9
Sher.Ra	6	2	3	1	19	8	7
Clayton	6	3	1	2	14	17	7
Oakleig	7	3	1	3	18	23	7
Chelsea	6	2	2	2	10	10	6
Hasting	6	2	2	2	7	17	6
F.Ston	6	1	2	3	16	12	4
Baxter	6	1	0	5	6	30	2
D.Nong	7	0	0	7	11	42	0

NTH/WEST A

H,BERG UTD	0	V	GEORGE I 4
M/CROATIA	5	V	G,GULLY 1
N,COTE	1	V	MALVERN 0
S/SHINE PK		V	BYE
BYE		V	ALTONA CTY
BYE		V	CLIFTON

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
N.Roser	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Geelong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lalor U	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Meado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westgat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Nong	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lalor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ess.Cy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NTH/WEST B

WESTGATE		V	M.NONG UTD
M.MEADOWS		V	LALOR
LALOR UTD		V	BYE
GEELONG		V	ESS.CY
T.TOWN		V	BYE
BYE		V	N.RESERVOI

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
George	5	4	1	0	11	3	9
G,gully	6	4	0	2	17	11	8
Altona	6	3	1	2	10	8	7
M/croat	4	3	0	1	13	4	6
Clifton	5	2	1	2	4	10	5
N,cote	4	2	0	2	5	3	4
S/shine	4	1	1	2	4	10	3
H,berg	4	1	0	3	4	11	2
Malvern	6	0	0	6	7	15	0

NTH/WEST C

PORT MELB		V	BYE
ROSANNA	0	V	WILLIAMSTO 4
S.SHINE PA	0	V	BRUNS CITY 5
ALBION		V	BYE
MELTON	1	V	CORIO/G,LO 3
BELL PARK		V	BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Corio/g	7	5	1	1	25	8	11
Port Me	5	4	1	0	25	3	9
Albion	5	4	1	0	25	4	9
Bruns C	5	3	2	0	19	1	8
Melton	6	1	2	3	4	21	4
S.Shine	5	1	1	3	4	13	3
Rosanna	6	1	1	4	2	18	3
William	4	1	0	3	6	16	2
Bell Pa	6	1	0	5	10	21	2

RICOH S/LEAGUE

N,GEEL	1	V	JUVE 0
S/VALE CTY	4	V	REGENT 0
LALOR UTD	3	V	KNOX 0
PEN	1	V	F,HILL 2
E,BENT	2	V	S,SHINE HT 8
PRESTON	2	V	FAWKNER 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S/vale	7	6	0	1	23	3	12
F,hill	7	5	1	1	13	7	11
Pen	7	5	0	2	15	3	10
Preston	7	4	1	2	16	5	9
Lalor U	7	4	0	3	17	9	8
Juve	7	3	2	2	9	5	8
N,geel	7	3	2	2	9	8	8
Regent	7	2	2	3	5	9	6
Fawkner	7	1	3	3	6	13	5
S,shine	7	1	2	4	14	15	4
Knox	7	1	0	6	5	22	2
E,bent	7	0	1	6	5	38	1

UNDER 15

EASTERN A

LYNDALE A	2	V	CLARINDA 4
S/VALE CTY	6	V	BENT,GREEN 0
OAK A	1	V	MALVERN 0
M,BARK A	0	V	C,FIELD 3
HAWTHORN	3	V	S/VALE CTY 0
WAV,UTD	0	V	BRIGHTON 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Clarind	7	6	0	1	25	4	12
S/vale	7	5	2	0	20	1	12
C,field	7	5	2	0	18	4	12
Oak A	7	5	1	1	17	11	11
Malvern	7	3	2	2	12	11	8
Wav,utd	7	2	3	2	8	9	7
Hawthor	7	2	2	3	9	10	6
Brighto	7	2	2	3	9	13	6
S/vale	7	2	0	5	3	14	4
Lyndale	7	1	1	5	9	22	3
Bent,gr	7	1	0	6	5	21	2
M,bark	7	0	1	6	1	16	1

EASTERN B

E,RICH	3	V	M,BARK B 0
LYNDALE B	0	V	S,DANDY 0
R,WOOD CTY	0	V	DINGLEY 0
MONBULK	0	V	OAK B 5
BYE		V	L,WARN
HAMPTON	4	V	F,HILL 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Oak B	7	5	2	0	25	6	12
Hampton	6	5	1	0	17	4	11
E,rich	6	4	0	2	18	6	8
L,warn	6	4	0	2	9	9	8
S,dandy	7	3	1	3	10	14	7
R,wood	6	2	2	2	12	9	6
F,hill	6	3	0	3	10	11	6
Lyndale	6	1	3	2	5	7	5
M,bark	7	1	2	4	4	11	4
Dingley	7	0	2	5	4	19	2
Monbulk	6	0	1	5	4	22	1

NTH/WEST A

H,BERG UTD	0	V	M,MEADOWS 9
ESS,DON		V	BYE
BRUNS CTY	0	V	CLIFTON 5
NTH UTD	1	V	MEL CTY 1
Y,VILL		V	BYE
BYE		V	BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nth Utd	6	3	3	0	16	2	9
H,berg	5	4	0	1	16	12	8
Clifton	6	3	1	2	10	11	7
Mel Cty	6	2	1	3	8	11	5
M,meado	4	2	0	2	12	4	4
Y,vill	5	1	2	2	9	8	4
Ess,don	4	0	2	2	2	8	2
Bruns C	5	0	0	5	2	30	0

NTH WEST B

BYE		V	NTH/GEEL
SUN.HGTS	0	V	ALT.EAST 6
N.COTE	5	V	WERRIBEE 3
ALT.GATE		V	BYE
LAL.UTD	1	V	S.G.X. 3
LALOR		V	BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nth/gee	4	4	0	0	17	4	8
S.G.X.	6	4	0	2	16	7	8
N.Cote	5	4	0	1	17	11	8
Alt.Eas	4	3	0	1	13	3	6
Lal.Utd	5	2	1	2	9	9	5
Alt.Gat	5	2	0	3	11	14	4
Sun.Hgt	6	2	0	4	7	18	4
Lalor	5	0	1	4	5	19	1
Werribe	4	0	0	4	6	16	0

NTH/WEST C

MEADOW PK		V	BYE
CROATIA B	0	V	E,GEEL 1
SUNBURY		V	BYE
BYE		V	ASCOT. ST
BYE		V	B,MEADOWS
BUNDOORA	3	V	M,VALE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoor	4	4	0	0	18	4	8
E,geel	4	2	2	0	6	2	6
B,meado	4	2	1	1	10	7	5
Ascot.	4	1	3	0	4	3	5
M,vale	3	1	1	1	4	5	3
Sunbury	4	0	2	2	6	9	2
Meadow	3	0	1	2	0	14	1
Croatia	4	0	0	4	4	8	0

RICOH S/LEAGUE

ST.ALB	1	V	BU.JUVE 4
MELB.CR A	6	V	DONC.ROV 0
MITCHAM	0	V	W.SUBS 1
FAWKNER	8	V	SHT.SVALE 1
T.TOWN	1	V	PRAHRAN 3
PRESTON	3	V	BERWICK 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melb.Cr	7	7	0	0	27	2	14
Bu.Juve	7	6	1	0	22	6	13
W.Subs	7	4	2	1	16	4	10
Fawkner	7	4	2	1	19	15	10
Preston	7	3	2	2	15	14	8
Mitcham	7	2	1	4	11	12	5
Berwick	7	1	3	3	11	13	5
Donc.Ro	7	2	1	4	7	15	5
Sht.Sva	7	2	1	4	10	25	5
Prahran	7	1	2	4	8	17	4
St.Alb	7	2	0	5	8	21	4
T.Town	7	0	1	6	3	13	1

UNDER 16

EASTERN A

BYE		V	MORDI
MEL,CTY	2	V	E,RICH 0
MITCHAM	2	V	CONDORS 3
F,STON UTD	4	V	S/VALE UTD 1
SS/VALE	0	V	SEAFORD 0
DANDY		V	BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F,ston	6	6	0	0	28	4	12
Mel,cty	7	4	1	2	20	9	9
Mordi	5	4	0	1	10	6	8
E,rich	5	3	0	2	14	6	6
Condors	5	3	0	2	14	12	6
Ss/vale	5	1	2	2	5	9	4
S/vale	6	2	0	4	9	14	4
Dandy	5	1	1	3	4	15	3
Seaford	6	1	1	4	5	25	3
Mitchas	6	0	1	5	6	15	1

EASTERN B

CHELSEA	2	V	K,BORO 1
KARINGAL	1	V	F.T.G 2
HASTINGS		V	BYE
F/STON UTD	2	V	C/WOOD 6
DONC	3	V	C/BOURNE 2
OAK SUBS	2	V	M,BARK 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C/wood	6	6	0	0	45	5	12
Oak Sub	7	5	1	1	20	6	11
F/ston	7	5	1	1	21	10	11
F.T.G	6	4	1	1	11	11	9
Donc	7	3	2	2	24	13	8
Chelsea	6	2	1	3	12	20	5
K,boro	6	2	0	4	14	14	4
M,bark	6	1	2	3	8	18	4
Karinga	6	1	1	4	8	16	3

HOW YOUR TEAM FARED

State League

FRANKSTON PINES 0 MORWELL FALCONS 3

In a very aggressive game that saw referee Evan Venios hand out five yellow cards, Frankston Pines held Morwell Falcons at bay for the first half, but were unable to continue the pressure in the second half and allowed the Latrobe Valley outfit to score a hat trick.

Dennis McLeod, Graeme Watson and Gary McDonagh collected the cautions for the key sides while Billy Wright and Jeff Doyle were Falcons offenders.

Frankston almost scored from the boot of Ally Dick early but Dave Reynolds pulled off one of several great saves to deny Frankston the goal. Pinestriker Ellie Custer was the hero of the first half by getting into position in the goal mouth and clearing two shots off the line that would have put Pines into the lead.

Dick and Colin Millar were behind the cleared shots and the look of amazement was enough to make lesser men cry. After lots of shouting among players and several hard tackles, Falcons had to wait until the 75th minute to make it's first score when Darko Basara beat McDonagh and passed the ball to Billy Wright who came to life and easily pushed the ball past L. Davies to register the first score of the game.

Only a minute later, Doyle sent a long through ball to Wright who cleverly rounded a defender and then sent the ball wide to the right and sprinted past the confused keeper to hammer in Falcons second. In the final five minutes, tempers were frayed to a frazzle and referee Venios could have flashed the yellow card a few more times but wisely let the game flow. Emil Bruns who was pushed up front by Bobby McLachlan to receive the ball from a free kick floated well into the box by Doyle, was in exactly the right place and headed the ball into the to corner giving Davies no chance at all.

Sean Byrne, was one of the best on the ground and repeatedly repelled Frankston's attacks while Dennis McLeod did the job for the Baysiders in fine fashion.

E.H.

MARIBYRNONG 0 RINGWOOD 1

Ringwood City made hard work of this well-deserved victory at Maribyrnong. The whole team played intelligent, fast and attacking soccer but found it difficult to score goals.

If Ringwood is able to find a good striker it will improve its position on the ladder.

After only five minutes John Wall played a great ball to Colin Wemyss who blasted the ball high over the bar with only the Maribyrnong goalie to beat.

John Corvan played a striker's role but found it very difficult to shake off two covering defenders.

A Maribyrnong counter attack found Bonk in a shooting position but his shot was well saved by Colin Blackley, tipping the ball over the bar.

Another very good Ringwood combination between Wemyss and Wall gave Wall the chance to score but his weak shot was easily stopped by D'Antonio. Once again Wemyss should have scored when John Corvan passed the ball to Cumming who crossed the ball to Wemyss free in front of goal but his header went wide.

And a clever free kick from John Corvan from the edge of the penalty box found the head of Doug Nolan but went over the bar.

Instead of Ringwood City having a commanding lead at half time the score was still 0-0.

The second half saw the same pattern: Ringwood building attack after attack but failing to penetrate the Maribyrnong defence, and even the lonely counter-attacks by Maribyrnong were not always without some danger.

But 10 minutes from the end Ringwood found the right combination to score when John Corvan crossed the ball over the Maribyrnong defence and Paul Muir cleverly lobbed the ball over the out-coming goalie: 0-1.

Maribyrnong replaced Czapnik with Pszybyla in an all-out effort for the equalizer and nearly succeeded when Bonk's powerdive hit the post in the 38th minute.

But it was John Corvan who finished the Ringwood rampage in the last minute when his blinding shot hit the inside post and bounced back to the goalie.

H.L.

CROYDON 3 CAULFIELD 0

With Croydon Park living up to its reputation for heavy winter going and the notorious Croydon clay causing the players to adjust to the vagrancies of the speed of the ball, these two teams put on a sparkling performance and kept the interest of the large crowd until the final whistle.

Croydon had an inspired spell for 30 minutes with Nick van Egmond slotting home after Darren Scotts shot rebounded from a maze of Caulfield legs, followed by a penalty converted by van Egmond after Andy Humble had been upended in the area.

Then came the best goal of the afternoon — Paul Lansbury centred from the right, van Egmond dummied and Humble bent the ball around the Caulfield keeper, who, although he had a hand on the ball, could not prevent the ball crossing the line.

After the interval, Caulfield, with the good midfield play, led by Ken Drakeford came more into the game, but the old firm of Dobson, McIntosh and company showed why Croydon has only conceded five goals this season.

Mirko Runje, in Croydons goal, excelled when high balls came into his reach and at the end of the game it was all Croydon who narrowly failed to add to the scoreline.

This Saturday Croydon travels to Frankston to take on the Pines and this fixture is always one of the highlights of the season.

On Monday, Croydon takes on neighbour Ringwood in the second main round of the Dockerty Cup.

GEELONG'S

soccer teams had an excellent round of matches last weekend with Geelong going back to the top of Division Two and Bell Park extending its lead in Division Three.

North Geelong pulled off the big shock of the round with its 3-0 away victory over Division Two leader, Port Melbourne. Fans on both sides were impressed. "If we can see soccer of this quality in Division Two, why go to watch the National League?", was the reported comment of some Port supporters.

Danny Ward gave North the lead two minutes before the interval with a 16 metre shot into the top corner. Ivan Skoko added the other two in the second half, one a cracking volley after 68 minutes, the other a precise shot after good leading up work by Paul Masterton, North's Irish signing.

Geelong took full advantage of this result by beating Yarraville 2-0 at home. Peter McCaffrey's free kick was flicked on by Mel Jones and Darren Tuck drove it in after 42 minutes. Midway through the second half, David Fleming intercepted a mix-up between the keeper and a defender to score the decisive goal.

Bell Park went one-up against Altona City when John Coutts kept running as the defence stopped and pulled the ball back for Tommy Cumming to score. Altona forced a corner on the right and Neville Sharrock hit a shot which was deflected past Gary Walker.

Greg Czapnik and Slobodan Jovanovic combined to release George Watters who placed his shot wide of the keeper and into the corner to restore Park's lead. One minute after the break Lino Mazza found Mick Oppermann on the edge of the area and he turned his marker to make it three.

Bell Park should have been coasting but a well-placed free kick gave Peter Nicolau a break and he drew the keeper before making it 3-2, which is how it stayed to the end.

Corio-Geelong United made the long run to Yallourn and came home with a share of the points following a two-all draw. Brendan Lakic opened up the defence for Rod van der Chys to score, but Yallourn hit back twice, and sweeper Bojo Medved had to rescue Corio-Geelong United with a fine header after a corner-kick. The big man had another attempt blocked on the line in final minute of the game.

Hamlyn Rangers recovered their momentum with a convincing 4-0 away win at Pascoe Vale. Eighteen-year-old Stephen McAuliffe was the hero with two goals and David Walmsley was also on the score sheet.

East Geelong drew 2-2 at home to Melton in the first division of the Provisional League. Zoran Dervisolvski opened for East in the first half, but then Peter *Stojanovski missed a* penalty and East lost some of its composure.

Alan Lee took advantage to equalise. A well constructed set piece saw Dervisolvski hit the bar and Tony Bozinovski reacted quickly to put East ahead again, but Paddy O'Connor beat Cane Filipowski to the ball to make the final score two-all.

Finally, Brintons ran out 3-1 winners away to Glenroy with Neil Gardiner, David Brough and Ashley McIntyre on on target. Tony Reed set up the first goal and his pace troubled the home team all day.

Division Three

HOLLAND PARK 1 ELTHAM DIAMOND VALLEY 0

Eltham-Diamond Valley: Hamilton, Stanaway, Love, Culham, Giacomi (Kerr 65m), Milenkovic (Atkins 80m), B. Coyle, Briggs (sent off 18m), Hodgson, Johanssen, Petrucelli.

A Terry Nolan goal 10 minutes after half time was enough to give Holland Park the points in an even match at Dawson Street.

It was Valley's first defeat for six weeks and it can count itself a bit unlucky not to have shared the points.

Valley had the better of the opening exchanges, with Brian Coyle again demonstrating his skills.

Valley was handicapped when Chris Briggs was sent off after an indiscretion behind play, and with an extra man the home side came more into the game.

The closest it came to scoring was just on half time when Marshall split Valley's defence to find Nolan whose shot hit the post.

Ten minutes into the second half, Valley needlessly gave away a free kick, taken by Marshall. Terry Nolan had all the time in the world to pick his spot in the net as the Valley defence floundered around him.

The Valley boys fought back hard, but the home side always had an extra man, especially in defence.

At the other end Marshall had two pile drivers brilliantly saved by Hamilton, then in the dying minutes Micky Hodgson didn't quite connect with a nod-on from Johanssen and just failed to score a well deserved equaliser.

E.K.

Provisional League Divisional League

SOUTH DANDENONG 4 UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE 0

Sth. Dandenong: (Sepetci 14, 75, S. Elmazovski-64, Jusic-pen. 71). R. Memishi, E. Simsek, C. Yilmaz, K. Craven, M. Jusic, G. Rodriguez (V. Ajrovski-82 min.), B. Lumanovski (S. Fus-61 min.), A. Dogan S. Elmazovski, J. Elmazovski, H. Sepetci.

UNIV. OF MELB: C. Morgan, B. Guthrie (J. Kraszlas-66 min.), A. Kennedy, R. Hair, Y. Tan, T. Neales, C. Gilbert, S. Austen, H. Gill, A. brown, P. Cullum (G. Hiczck-82 min.).

After a fairly even first-half, the home side moved into top gear and demolished their hard working opponents.

South registered their first and only goal of the first half after 14 minutes play.

A University clearance failed to make distance and was collected by Dogan. An orthodox pass went to left winger Sepetci, and he did the rest, skillfully threading his way past two players before sliding the ball just inside Morgan's left upright.

Just before the interval University was unlucky to see Neales's hard drive hit the post with Memishi beaten.

When South's veteran player coach, Steve Fus, replaced Bashkim Lumanovski — already

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EAST BRUNSWICK 1 CLAYTON 2

After a poor performance the week before, having played a full reserve game — 16 minutes into the second half. Dandenong's front line took on new meaning; exacting its toll on a beleaguered University defence. Fus showed his younger charges just how the attacking game should be played.

A quick break for the home side and Fus put Sam Elmazovski in the clear. The right winger put South two goals up with a neat lob over the advancing Morgan. Seven minutes later, Steve Fus, proving a real handful for the visitors, was physically held back and a penalty resulted. Jusic's spot kick, a trifle too close to Morgan, was so well struck the keeper's attempted save made no difference.

South's 11 minute goal spree was rounded off 15 minutes from full time when Sepetci intercepted a pass in defence, hit the upright with his first shot, got a lucky rebound, waltzed his way round the defence and made sure with his second attempt.

A.H.

Clayton was fired up for its game against East Brunswick.

Clayton created some early chances, but again was unable to convert.

At the 35 minute mark Clayton scored from a free kick taken by D'Angelo just outside the 18 yard area.

Ten minutes into the second half McGuinness for East Brunswick scored from a header to equalise. This seemed to lift East Brunswick, who for the next 20 minutes took control of the mid field and built up many attacking moves only to be held out by Riccioni, Broxham and Pansino.

With only minutes left to play Clayton lifted its game and scored the winner from a corner which East Brunswick failed to clear and Mark Wells hit from just inside the 18 yard area — a cracking shot which travelled low and hard through a pack of players to give keeper Griggs no chance.

Best players for East Brunswick — D'Amico, McGuinness, anini. Clayton: Riccioni, Pansino, Broxham.

NORTHCOTE CITY 2 (Harris, Burlak) JUVENTUS 1 (Glaccherini)

On a dismally cold Saturday afternoon, top of the table Juventus took on mid-table Northcote City on the Olympic Park mud heap, in what should have resulted in a comfortable victory for the Black and Whites.

But referee John Rutter, swayed the match Northcote's way after 15 minutes when he ordered Juve's Scott Patterson off following a crude tackle on midfielder Martin Woodall which incidentally required 13 stitches to a gash below the right knee.

Woodall is almost certain to miss this week's clash with Bulleen, although the midfielder battled on courageously for the remainder of the match, and was a significant contributor all day.

Despite being down to 10 men, it was Juve who took the lead after 21 minutes, when a corner kick from the right was flicked on by Vladko Belic at the near post setting up young striker.

Glaccherini to slot the ball home from 10 metres. The game became virtually a stalemate for the remainder of the first stanza with Juve content to hold possession and take as much time as possible before regrouping at half time.

With Northcote unable to create even a half chance in the first period, coach Jim Pygolias substituted midfielder Pedro Ramos, playing in only his second game after a long lay off, with young midfielder John Panagopolous adding some pace to the right side of midfield.

The move almost paid off when the youngsters' effort was brilliantly saved from point blank range by goalkeeper Peter Laumets.

Laumets was helpless however, with only 15 minutes remaining, when Jim Constantiou swung a bite in attack.

left to the far post where Paul Harris was on hand to head home the equaliser.

Northcote coach Jim Pygolias, made another astute substitutionwith 10 minutes left in the match, bringing off defender Robert Palmariciotti for attacking midfielder Mike Burlak to add some more bit in attack.

With five minutes remaining the move rewarded Northcote with two valuable points, when Burlak chased back all of 30 metres to rob a Juve defender of the ball, and shoot home the winner past a despairing Peter Laumets.

Northcote deserved the win despite a handicapped oppositionfor displaying a good fighting effort. the game also saw the debut for Northcote off former Ringwood City striker Peter Cocker, signed mid week for $6,500. Cocker proved to be an excellent aquisition for the Blues creating havoc amongst the Juve defence all day.

Industrial League News contd. from page 7

Tramways each a point further back. Bowater had its away match with Laminex all sewn up, leading 3-0 through goals by Steve O'Neill, Stan "The Man" Wardle (and what a delightfully floated goal this was) and Paul Shaw. In the next 17 minutes, Laminex went berserk. Stan Anagnostou rammed in two goals in quick succession, then Saki Moutsidis scored and Theo Samantzis made it 4-3 for the home team. Bye-bye, Bowater. Not so, with 20 seconds to go Sean Flynn came bursting through the pack to pinch the equaliser.

St Albans Dynamo murdered Whittlesea 10-2 to usurp top spot in Division Three West from Altona North Tarxien, whose 3-0 win over St Albans Wanderers was not enough to keep it at the top. St Albans Wanderers' loss to the Tarxiens dumped it into fourth, four points off the lead, but Ardeer clung on to a one-point deficit with a solid 5-1 win over Nippondenso, and has now moved into third.

In Division Four, Sunshine Macedonia at the weekend, buoyed by an extra two points won at the Tribunal, plus a sound win at the weekend, has skipped two points clear at the head of the table, but is closely pursued by Endeavour United and Alexander the Great, both of which enjoyed one-sided wins in this round, and by Epping Thistle, which might bewail the point it dropped, but should be immensely grateful that it took any points at all away from a grimly determined Eltham & Diamond Valley.

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Country Championships — Bendigo

THE 1989 country Championships will be played in Bendigo this weekend. The League team is drawn in Group 2 with Sunraysia and Bendigo.

The League's matches are as follows:

Saturday vs Bendigo at 2.30 pm.

Sunday vs Sunraysia at 9.30 am.

Hopefully it will make one of the semi-finals, which will be played at 2 pm on Saturday.

All of the above games will be played at the Strathfieldsaye Sports Complex, Strathfieldsaye (about 8 km out of Bendigo).

The finals will be played on Monday, at the Bendigo Sports Complex (also known as the Tom Flood Sports Centre), Park Road, Bendigo.

The third and fourth place play-off match will kick-off at 11 am and the Championship Final at 1 pm.

We look forward to at least 1000 League supporters coming along to cheer their team to victory.

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NSL League Contd. from page 5

No one would have expected George Cross' second half bombardment in light of Croatia's dominance in the first half.

With Josip Biskic and Branko Milosevic controlling the midfield, and Con Opasinis surging forward from his right-back position, Croatia showed off the exciting attacking play that has made it a leading contender for the 1989 championship.

Biskic, the best player of the match, played a cross from the right wing in the 31st minute which ended up with Opasinis who rammed the ball into the net from 20 metres, putting Croatia into the lead.

Striker Ivan Kelic missed narrowly with a header from another cross by Biskic as the first half drew to a close.

Then George Cross grabbed hold of the game, forcing Croatia to defend consistently.

Before George Cross equalised, however, Croatia mid-fielder Zeljko Adzic had a perfect scoring opportunity on a pass from Milosevic but his shot deflected off Marth for a corner.

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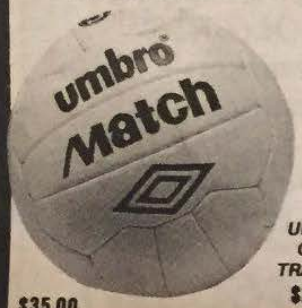

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Saturday
CAULFIELD CITY V JUVENTUS
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VIC. LEAGUE
Division 1 — Saturday
DOVETON V MORDIALLOC
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SANDRINGHAM CITY v DANDENONG
ESSENDON CITY V WESTGATE
Sunday
WERRIBEE V BROADMEADOWS
WESTERN SUBURBS V ALBION

Division 2 — Saturday
SUNBURY UNITED V COBURG
NORTH GEELONG V DONCASTER ROVERS
RICHMOND V PORT MELBOURNE
HEIDELBERG CITY V CLIFTON HILL
YARRAVILLE V BRIGHTON
RINGWOOD UNITED V GEELONG
KEILOR V WAVERLEY CITY
Division 3 — Saturday
LALOR UNITED V HAWTHORN
SEAFORD UNITED V CLARINDA
CORIO/GEELONG UTD v MOORABBIN CITY
ALTONA CITY V YALLOURN
MORNINGTON V BELL PARK
ELTHAM/DIAMOND VALLEY V CHELSEA
HOLLAND PARK v SPRINGVALE UNITED
Division 4 — Saturday
HAMLYN RANGERS V ROSANNA
FERNTREE GULLY V PASCOE VALE
CLAYTON V LANGWARRIN
MORELAND PARK RANGERS V E. BRUNSWICK/IVANHOE
KARINGAL UNITED v BENTLEIGH GREENS
WILLIAMSTOWN V BORONIA
KEYSBOROUGH V REGENT

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE
Division 1 — Saturday
MOSSFIELD RANGERS V MELTON
PRAHRAN V SOUTH YARRA
BERWICK CITY V WEST MEADOWS
WAVERLEY UNITED V OAKLEIGH SUBURBS
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Division 2 — Saturday
LALOR V ASCOT ST MARKS
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Division 3 — Saturday
NORTH CLAYTON V BRANDON PARK
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AMATEUR LEAGUE
Division 1 — Sunday
HAWTHORN UNITED V KEILOR UNITED
PHILLIP INSTITUTE V OAKLEIGH UNITED
WAVERLEY WANDERERS V LATROBE UNIVERSITY
NORTHERN UNITED V EAST RICHMOND
DIGGERS REST V BALWYN CITY
Division 2 — Sunday
RMIT V FURLAN UNITED
CAMBERWELL GRAMMAR V MACCABI
DIAMOND VALLEY V CONCORDE
UPFIELD V YARRA UNITED
ENDEAVOUR HILLS V OLD SCOTCH
INTERCITY V MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

Letter to the Editor

Johnston deserves better

Dear Sir,

The time has come. This time you have gone too far, Mr Shorrock.

As a weekly reader of your "Soccer Star" I would like to take this opportunity to "get a few things off my chest."

Over the last few months I have tolerated your negative opinions on various soccer identities. This includes Frank Arok, Frank Farina and several other overseas based players, "The clown from SBS" (as you put it) Andy Paschalidis, along with others which I won't bother mentioning.

Your treatment of Craig Johnston (Vol. 2 No. 19), was just too much to take. A true professional like Mr Johnston doesn't deserve to be insulted by an amateur editor/reporter like yourself.

Let me remind you Mr Les "know it all" Shorrock that Craig left Australia at a young age with a goal in mind, to make a name for himself overseas. Not only did he achieve this, but he represented a side, which many consider to have been the number one team in the world over the past decade.

What does that tell you about his ability, knowledge and experience?

This fabulous sportsman; whom you refer to as a bighead, admitted on Wide World of Sports that "all of his achievements came about after a lot of hard work and effort and not natural ability".

Let me also remind you that this same man turned his back on fame and fortune because his sister was more important to him.

To say that I have been extremely disappointed in some of your past comments and opinions is putting it mildly. Australian soccer has its problems, as we all know, and you and your paper are not helping matters.

Like many others, I am proud of Frank Arok's achievements with the Socceroos. Perhaps, in your eyes, you can do a better job, seeing that your home country has won the World Cup so many times!

I am also proud of Frank Farina, Eddie Krncevic, David Mitchell and co. Perhaps you were a better player in your time! What clubs did you play for Les?

I am aware that SBS's coverages tend to be biased towards Australia, but its representation is always professional, which is more than I can say about your paper.

Typesetting errors and other blunders that your weekly is littered with, I can tolerate, but please Les, in future refrain from insulting the people who at least make an effort to improve themselves and their country.

I am aware that you are entitled to your opinions, but unless some good is going to come out of them, keep them to yourself.

The public wants to read soccer news, not "Les's thoughts". Thank God for Paul Wade's journalistic efforts.

What you decide to do about this letter is entirely up to you. Whether you read it and toss it away remains to be seen, but the contents of this letter echo the sentiments of fellow "Soccer Star" readers.

Marty Kass.

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PAOK 4 (Anastasiadis 6th, 48th, Skartados 73rd) ALL GREEK XI 1 (Kotamanides 41st). At Olympic Park, Friday June 1st. Referee D. Voutsinas. Crowd 4500.

PAOK: Argiropoulos — Liyothopoulos, Mitoglou, Mafioufas, Alanatis — Diltsis, Toursonidis (Paraskevas 69th), Karageorgiou (Moraitis 73rd), Alexandridis — Anastasiadis, Skartados (Karalidis 63rd).

ALL STARS: Chatzitrifonos (D. Anastasiadis HT) — Kanesoulis, ousalkas, Anezakis (Goutzioulis HT), Postecoglou — Pappas (Phillipou HT), Bekiaris (Lazopoulos HT), Raskopoulos, Kotamanidis — Algozidis, Patalis.

Melbourne soccer fans were treated to a feast of attacking soccer last Friday night, when touring Greek First Division team PAOK defeated an All Star Greek XI 4-1 at Olympic Park.

Despite the bitterly cold night, with the mercury hovering around two degrees, a crowd of around 4500 turned out to see one of Greece's most popular teams including one-time Heidelberg favourite, John Anastasiades.

Anastasiades didn't fail his fans either, scoring a hat-trick which made up for the disappointing non-appearance of Socceroo captain Charlie Yankos, who was left behind in Greece apparently sorting out a contractual problem.

Despite the fact that the local select hit the woodwork twice, PAOK gave by far its best performance of the short tour.

It was two goals up, through Anastasiadis, after 27 minutes and looked like running riot, but a goal for the locals from Wollongong's Peter Kotamanides restored the balance somewhat.

Anastasiades was to have switched sides at the interval, but elected to stay with his own team which, despite four changes to the local select at half-time ran out an easy winner.

Anastasiades' brother was one of the substitutes, taking over in goal from Mike Chatzitrifonos, but brotherly love as no bar to John's hat-trick, completed three minutes after the break.

Georgious Skartados completed the scoring with an irrelevant goal in the 73rd minute.

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OVERSEAS

Leading Goalscorers in English divisions: Division 1: 29-J Aldridge (Liverpool), 25-A Smith (Arsenal), 22-A McInally (Aston Villa), 21-N Clough (Nottingham Forest), D Saunders (Derby), 18-L Chapman (Nottingham Forest), T Cottee (Everton), B Slaven (Middlesbrough), 17-B Williams (Charlton), 16-M Hughes (Manchester United), B McClair (Manchester United).

Division 2: 33-I Wright (Crystal Palace), 30-K Edwards (Hull), 28-K Dixon (Chelsea), 26-T Tynan (Plymouth), 20-M Bright (Crystal Palace), 24-S Garner (Blackburn), 23-M Gabbiadini (Sunderland), 20-L Bissett (Bournemouth), P Wilkinson (Watford), 21-H Davis (Blackburn), M Quinn (Portsmouth).

Division 3: 30-S Bull (Wolverhampton), 32-C Maskell (Huddersfield), 30-T Agana (Sheffield United), 0 Deane (Sheffield United), 28-D Crown (Southend), J Gregan (Cardiff).

Division 4: 32-P Starr (Hereford), 26-I Muir (Tranmere), B Williamson (Rotherham), 27-T Dew (Scunthorpe), 25-T. McPhillips (Halifax), 24-K Hysen (Wrexham).

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Olympic Park Management then put its foot down and decided that the Victoria v PAOK game scheduled for Wednesday (yesterday) would not be played under any circumstances, because the future of the pitch was at stake.

However, after day-long negotiations involving tour promoter Lew Yionnides, the VSF's Chairman Vito Cilauro and Executive Director George Wallace, and Olympic Park Director Gareth James, a compromise was reached.

It was decided that the PAOK game could go ahead as long as the NSL and VSF agreed not to use Olympic Park for a month whilst the pitch is being repaired.

The fixtures that will have to be relocated are Preston Makedonia v Apia, on June 18 and v St George on July 2.

Juventus fixtures to be moved are v Frankston Pines on June 25 and v Bulleen on July 1.

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2.Adams (S'vale)	1.Aretis (Caul)
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Blicharz (Mar)	Cristaldo (Thom)
Carroll(North)	Deligiannis (Caul)
Colina (St.A)	Drinoczky (FP)
Daley (GG)	Farquharson (GG)
Davie (Ring)	Georgievski (Alt)
De Amicis (Juve)	Higgins (Thom)
Della Rocca (Juve)	McLeod (FP)
Dragovic (St.A)	Madjer (Caul)
Grimaud (GG)	Markovski (Alt)
Reilly (S'vale)	Marley (Juve)
Riccioletti (Bull)	McBride (MF)
Roodhouse (Croy)	Ruccia (Bull)
Sinclair (Thom)	Schipano (Fawk)
Sweeney (FP)	Scott (Croy)
Theoharous (Caul)	Tuffield (Fawk)
Thomas.B (BH)	Wall (Ring)
	Walsh (MF)
	Wright (MF)

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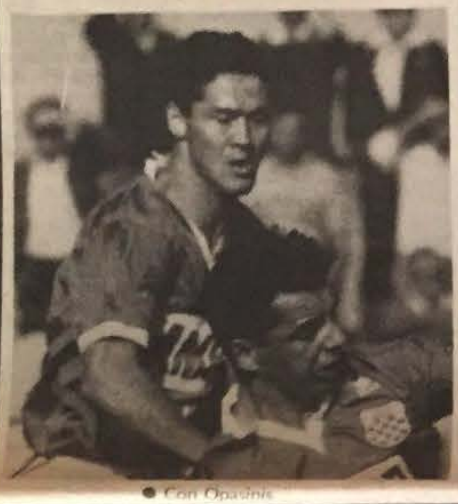
1. Aretis (Caul)	Higgins (Thom)
Armstrong (S'vale)	Ilioski (Alt)
Asliovski (Alt)	Kebarkovski (Alt)
Belic (Juve)	Keenan.B (Svale)
Bitsonis (Caul)	Lipiarski (Mar)
Bothwell (FP)	McDonagh (FP)
Bruns (MF)	McIntosh (Croy)
Bryden (S'vale)	McLeod (BH)
Burlak (North)	McPhee (BH)
Constantinou.N(North)	Micevski (Alt)
Cristaldo (Thom)	Minichiello (Juve)
Cuesing (Ring)	Radecki (FP)
Curulli (Bull)	Raynes (Fawk)
Davis (Alt)	Roodhouse (Croy)
Della Rocca (Juve)	Ristovski (Alt)
Dougherty (Thom)	Sabatino (Faw)
Elsey (GG)	Sweeney (FP)
Georgieski (Alt)	Thodis (North)
Grimaud (FP)	Thomas (BH)
Han (BH)	Todoroski (Alt)
Hennessey (Thom)	Varechia (Spr)
	Warszawski (MF)

WEST END

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

ROUND 21 W/E JUNE 11

MELBOURNE CROATIA
v
SOUTH MELBOURNE
Somers St
North Sunshine
SUNDAY KO 2.30 PM



• Con Opashnis

MELBOURNE JUST
v
SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS
Schintler Reserve
SUNDAY KO 2.30 PM

• Tom Karic

HEIDELBERG UN.
v
PRESTON MAKEDONIA
Olympic Village
SUNDAY KO 2.30 PM

• JohnKanesoulis

Box Hill Division S1

Grade SA: Vikes Re United 43; Maverick Un 38; Doncaster HotSpurs 32; Box Hill Bullets 30; Threshold 28; Spartans 14; AGBU 8; Strikeforce 6

Grade SB: Hawaiian Heat 46; Guild 38; Footkwa Un 36; East Side Gators 32; SPT 24; The Phantoms 20; Boys 12

Grade SC: Sporty Un 52; Foots 34; Flying Leather necks 32; Top of the Mark 30; Raiders 28; VB Connection 20

Grade SD: Hustlers 44; Hec's Whingers 38; Tavern Wanderers 34; Karoo Chiefs 28; Smegma Un 24; Yea Yas 22; D. Show 12; BV B's 8

Oakleigh Division S1

Grade SA: Magnificent 7 48; The Wanderers 44; Mauraus 38; Bula Hasans 36; The Dipsomaniacs 20

Grade SB: Hellenics 46; SMR 38; Clika 34; Milans 34; Malakas Un 32; Mauritius 2 28

Grade SC: SMF 46; Demolition 38; The Professionals 38; State Bank Internationals 36; Slidepipers 24; Red Arrows 24; Social Rejects 16

Grade SD: Pumas 40; MCC 34; Olympiakos 32; Unknowns 30; Terminators III 26; Runaway Boys 20; The All Hawks 14; VAT 69

Grade SE: Faster Pussycat 44; Concorde 44; Dribblers 36; KGMF 24; OHS Old Boys 20; Unorganised Kaos 4

Grade SF: Daily Planet 54; SMR 32; Internationals 32; Nimrods 24; Death Grab of Gor 24; The Mean Machine 20; Final Attraction 12

Division S2

Grade SC: Metal Mates 10; Hellenics II 8; FAB 8; Maccas 6; The Terminators 4; Attitude 4; The Sponge 4; Fisherman 4; Augustus United 0

Grade SD: Red Army 8; Kaos 8; The Marketing Men 8; Resistdat 4; Wanderers II 4; Two Dogs 4; The Mauraus 0; The Butchers 0

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